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NEW 2011 REGULATIONS

STATEWIDE

- There are new licenses available for anglers (also see pages 8–9). Additional permits may be required at some locations.
 - Type 63: Resident South Holston Reservoir License- Tennessee residents that have a Tennessee fishing license can purchase this license to fish the Virginia side of South Holston Reservoir.
 - Type 23: Resident One Day All Fish – allows residents 16 and over to fish for any species including trout for that day, without needing to purchase a trout license (Type 22).
 - Type 82: Nonresident One Day Fishing - allows nonresidents 13 and over to fish for one day for all species, except trout.
 - Type 83: Nonresident One Day All Fish - allows nonresidents who are 13 and over to fish for one day for any species including trout.
 - Type 97: Available to both residents and nonresidents who are 13 and over. It allows the angler to fish Gatlinburg trout streams for one day without purchasing any other licenses or permits.
- New administrative boundaries have been established between TWRA's Regions 3 and 4.
 - Region 3 Office (Crossville) now manages fisheries in Monroe County, including Calderwood, Chilhowee and Indian Boundary reservoirs, and Tellico River.
 - Region 4 Office (Morristown) now manages fisheries in Scott County, and will continue to manage Tellico Reservoir.
- Slat baskets must be checked at least every 72 hours.

REGION 1

BROWNS CREEK LAKE

- ♦ **Bass:** 18-24 inch protected length range (slot limit). Only one bass in creel of 5 bass may be over 24 inches.

GIBSON COUNTY LAKE

- ♦ **Bass:** 18-24 inch protected length range (slot limit). Only one bass in creel of 5 bass may be over 24 inches.

REGION 3

BIG CREEK (Polk County)

- Removed Big Creek from list of Polk County streams that have special regulations.
- This stream will not be stocked with trout.

DALE HOLLOW RESERVOIR

- Removed seasonal regulations for trout. The new regulation is a 7 trout creel limit with no size limits for brown and rainbow trout that are stocked in this reservoir.

GREAT FALLS RESERVOIR:

- Largemouth Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

HIWASSEE RIVER (Apalachia Powerhouse downstream to L&N Railroad Bridge)

- Removed Quality Trout Fishing Area Regulations and brown trout size limit.
- Establish Delayed Harvest Regulations –
 - October 1 through last day of February. No harvest of trout allowed, artificial lures only.
 - March 1 through September 30 – Creel limit is 7 trout (all species combined), only two may be brown trout. No gear or bait restrictions.

PINEY RIVER (Cumberland Trail State Park downstream to Highway 27 Bridge)

- Establish Delayed Harvest Regulations –
 - November 1 through last day of February – No harvest of trout allowed, artificial lures only.
 - March 1 through October 31 – Creel limit is 7 trout (all species combined). No bait or gear restrictions.

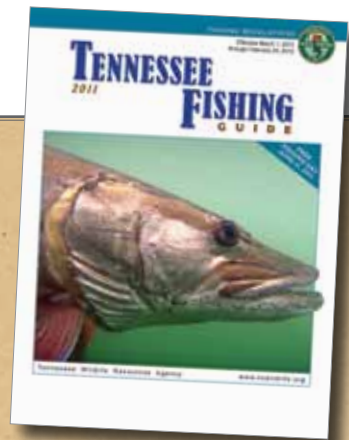
REGION 4

MELTON HILL RESERVOIR

- Muskellunge that are not intended to be harvested must be released immediately in a manner that promotes survival of fish. Culling of muskellunge, whereby an angler removes a muskellunge from his creel limit and replaces it with another more desirable muskellunge, is not allowed.

SOUTH HOLSTON RESERVOIR

- ♦ **Catfish:** creel limit 20 per day, only one may be over 34 inches.
- ♦ **Bluegill:** creel limit 50 per day.
- ♦ **White Bass:** no harvest permitted. TWRA and VADGIF are cooperatively managing through stocking and restrictive regulations to eventually allow harvest of this species.
- ♦ **Limblines:** an angler may only fish 15 limblines.



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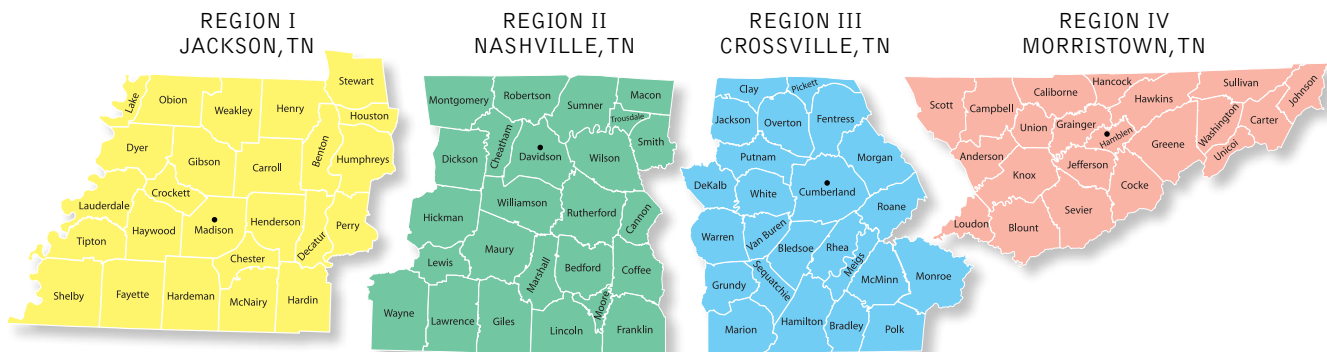


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Online: Log on to www.tnwildlife.org and click on the link, "Buy a license online." Regular license fees plus a processing fee will be charged to your credit card. Processing fee is \$3.00 if you print it, or \$4.25 if it is mailed to you.

Byphone: Call 1-888-814-8972. An authorization number will allow you to begin fishing or hunting the minute you hang up. Regular license fees plus a processing fee will be charged to your credit card. Processing fee is \$6.25, or \$7.50 if license needs to be mailed to you.

US mail: Send your name, address (including zip code), social security number, date of birth, physical features (height, weight, eye and hair color), and enclose the correct fee to: TWRA Sales Office, P.O. Box 41729, Nashville, TN 37204-1729.

All license and permit fees are subject to change. All expire at midnight of last effective date.



GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

A valid fishing license obtained from the state of Tennessee or the state of North Carolina is required and honored throughout the park for all persons 13 years of age and older. A Tennessee trout license is not required. The National Park Service sets fishing regulations within the park. For detailed fishing information, contact:

Park Headquarters
Gatlinburg, TN 37738
(865) 436-1200

RESIDENT LICENSES

Can be purchased by:

- Persons who possess a valid Tennessee driver's license, or an active TN Department of Safety ID Only Card.
- Persons who have lived in Tennessee for 90 consecutive days with the genuine intent of making Tennessee their permanent home.
- Military personnel on active duty in this state and their immediate families, who reside with them, regardless of resident status.
- Students who are enrolled in a Tennessee school, college, or university for at least six months (must present a student ID card or other proof of enrollment).
- Ages 12 and under, no license required. Permits may be required.

Annual Hunting and Fishing Combination (Type 001) AGES 16-64 **\$28**

Minimum license required to fish and/or hunt small game.

Junior Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 002) AGES 13-15 **\$8**

Required for hunting all game, fishing, and trapping. Must be purchased prior to 16th birthday. No supplemental licenses are required, but applicable permits are required.

One-Day Fishing (Type 021) NO TROUT; AGES 13-64 **\$5.50**

One-Day Fishing All Fish (Type 023) INCLUDES TROUT; AGES 16-64 **\$11**

Annual Trout (Type 022) AGES 16-64 **\$18**

Type 022 is a supplemental license required to fish for trout in addition to Type 001, 020, or 021.

Annual Sportsman (Type 004) AGES 16-64 **\$136**

An all-inclusive license valid for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing without any state supplemental licenses or permits. Sportsman licenses can be purchased from all license agents.

County of Residence Fishing (Type 020) AGES 13 AND OVER **\$9**

This license allows an angler to fish in his/her county of residence with natural bait (worms, crickets, corn, etc.), but not minnows. No artificial baits can be used. A supplemental license (Type 022) is required to fish for trout.

South Holston Reservoir (Type 063) AGES 13 AND OVER **\$21**

This additional license allows licensed resident anglers to fish the VA portion of South Holston Reservoir. This is essentially a VA license sold by TWRA, therefore all license holders, including the sportsman's license types, would need to purchase this additional license if fishing in VA.

Permanent Senior Citizen Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 166) AGES 65 AND OVER **\$11**

Available from any license agent for a one-time fee, and valid for the rest of the license holder's life. Not a Lifetime Sportsman License. Additional permits may be required. Can only be purchased when 65th birthday is reached. A valid Tennessee driver's license or proof of age and residency is required. A trout license is not required.

Annual Senior Citizen Supplement (Type 167) AGES 65 AND OVER **\$41**

May be purchased as a supplement to Type 166 to cover all permits needed in the current license year.

Lifetime Sportsman AGE DETERMINES THE COST

An all-inclusive lifetime license valid for hunting, trapping and sport fishing without any Tennessee supplemental licenses or permits. Allows holders to apply for quota permits at no additional fee. Applications are available at your local TWRA office and tnwildlife.org. Applications may only be submitted by mail, Fax (615-837-4262) or TWRA Offices.

Type 401 (Under 3 years) **\$200**

Type 406 (Ages 3-6) **\$540**

Type 402 (Ages 7-12) **\$810**

Type 403 (Ages 13-50) **\$1,620**

Type 404 (Ages 51-64) **\$945**

Type 405 (Ages 65 & over) **\$270**

MISPLACE YOUR LICENSE?

If you misplace your fishing license, go to any license agent and ask for a duplicate license. There is a \$7.00 replacement fee (\$6.00 goes to the TWRA; \$1.00 to the agent).

LICENSE INFORMATION

NONRESIDENT LICENSES

Ages 12 and under, no license required.

Junior Hunt/Fish (Type 070) (Required for nonresidents age 13–15 fishing and small game only.)	\$9
One-Day Fishing (Type 082)—no trout	\$8
Three-Day Fishing (Type 077)—no trout	\$16.50
Ten-Day Fishing (Type 079)—no trout	\$25.50
Annual Fishing (Type 076)—no trout	\$41
One-Day All Fish (Type 083)—includes trout	\$16
Three-Day All Fish (Type 078)—includes trout	\$33.50
Ten-Day All Fish (Type 080)—includes trout	\$50.50
Annual All Fish (Type 081)—includes trout	\$81

SPECIAL PERMITS (RESIDENT and NONRESIDENT)

If you purchase one of the following special permits, you must also have all applicable licenses. Holders of Annual Sportsman's License, Lifetime Sportsman's License or Annual Senior Citizen Permit do not need to purchase permits below.

Reelfoot Lake Permit is required for all users except: those under 16 years of age; residents 65 years or older.

Reelfoot Preservation Permit—Annual (Type 089)	\$17
Reelfoot Preservation Permit—Three-Day (Type 088)	\$10.50
Reelfoot Preservation Permit—Daily (Type 090)	\$3.50

Tellico-Citico Permit is required seasonally to fish Tellico River, Citico Creek and year-round on Green Cove Pond. See page 25 for details.

Tellico-Citico Trout—Daily (Type 098) Required for all ages. See page 25.	\$5.50
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Agency Lake Permits are required to fish Agency Fishing Lakes, except those under 16 years of age and residents 65 years or older.

Agency Lake—Daily Permit (Type 191) Valid on all Agency lakes, this permit is sold at Agency Lake offices.	\$5
Agency Lake—Annual Permit (Type 193) Valid on all Agency lakes, this permit is sold at Agency Lake offices.	\$40
Bedford Lake—Daily Permit (Type 65) Available at any TWRA license agent.	\$5.50

Gatlinburg Trout Fishing – For information on fishing in the Gatlinburg area, contact the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce, 1-800-568-4748 or the Gatlinburg trout facility at 865-436-4558.

Gatlinburg Three-Day Trout Permit (Type 096) Required for both residents and nonresident ages 13–64 in addition to the appropriate fishing licenses except for those who purchase the (Type 097) permit.	\$9.50
Gatlinburg One-Day Trout Permit (Type 097) Only requirement for residents and nonresidents ages 13 and up to fish in Gatlinburg for one day.	\$11.50
Gatlinburg Trout—Daily (Type 099) Required for both residents and nonresident ages 13–64 in addition to the appropriate fishing licenses except for those who purchase the (Type 097) permit.	\$3.50

RESIDENT PERMANENT LICENSES

The following licenses are available only by application from the TWRA Sales Office located in Nashville. Applications are available at regional offices and online. A doctor's statement will be required as defined on the application. Licenses are available for a one-time fee and are valid for the rest of the license holder's life. They are not Lifetime Sportsman Licenses. Additional permits may be required. A trout license is not required.

Sport Fishing License for the Blind (Type 197)	\$10
Permanent Wheelchair Hunting and Fishing (Type 189)	\$10

Application must be accompanied by a doctor's statement stating that the applicant is permanently confined to a wheelchair.

Permanent DAV Hunting and Fishing (Type 198)	\$10
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Available to resident veterans certified by the VA as 30 percent disabled by reason of war service or 100% service connected.

Mentally Challenged (Type 199) SPORT FISH ONLY	\$10
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Must be receiving SSI Benefits due to cognitive impairment.

WHO MUST HAVE A TENNESSEE LICENSE?

If you take, or attempt to take fish (including crayfish) by any method or if you assist someone else to do so, you must have a valid fishing license.

There are some exceptions:

- If you are under 13 years of age (resident or nonresident).
- Landowners, their spouses and children, who fish on their farm land which is owned by an individual or a family. Landowners, their spouses and children must be residents of Tennessee but need not reside on the land.
- Tenants, their spouses and dependent children who fish on farm land owned by an individual or a family. Tenants, their spouses and dependent children must be residents of Tennessee and must actually reside on the land and have permission of the landowner to fish. A tenant is a person who, for money, free rent, or other consideration, cares for farmland. The tenancy must be agricultural in nature.
- Resident grandchildren (under 16) and resident great-grandchildren (under 16) who fish on farm land which is owned by their resident grandparents or great-grandparents.
- First cousins who own farmland jointly or in common may fish on the farmland. Their children may fish as well.
- You are on military leave, carrying a copy of your leave orders. A pass does not meet this requirement.
- You are a resident who was born before March 1, 1926. (To qualify for this exemption, you must carry proof of your age and residency to show to a wildlife officer, if requested.)
- It's Free Fishing Day! This year it falls on June 11 (see page 33).
- It's Free Fishing Week! All children, ages 15 and younger can fish free between June 11–17 inclusive (see page 33).

NOTE: Giving false information to obtain a license is a misdemeanor punishable by fine and loss of license. Licenses are not transferable.



STATEWIDE LIMITS AND REGULATIONS

STATEWIDE CREEL AND SIZE LIMITS

The following are the creel and size limits that apply statewide. Several waters have exceptions to these limits. Refer to the pages listed in red at the bottom of this page to see exceptions to the statewide regulations. If you are fishing a location that does not have exceptions listed in this guide, then the statewide limits apply.

SPECIES	CREEL LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT
Black Bass (includes Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted and Coosa)	5 No more than 5 black bass per day in any combination may be taken.	none
Crappie (all species combined)	15	10 inches
Region 1 Crappie Exception: unless otherwise noted for specific waters.	30	none
Rock Bass or Redeye	20	none
Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass (any combination)	2	15 inches
White Bass	15	none
Muskellunge	1	36 inches
Sauger or Sauger/Walleye hybrids	10	15 inches
Walleye	5	16 inches
Trout (all trout species combined)	7	none
Lake Trout	Only 2 trout may be lake trout.	—
Brook Trout	—	6 inches
Redear Sunfish or Shellcracker	20	none
Yellow Bass, Bluegill, Bream, Bullheads, Pickerel, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, and nongame species	no limit	none

Catfish: Only one catfish over 34 inches may be harvested per day. No harvest limit on catfish less than 34 inches.

Paddlefish: Paddlefish may be harvested from April 24 through May 31. Daily creel limit is 2 fish per day with no size limit. Culling is prohibited. For exceptions on Center Hill and Cherokee reservoirs, see pages 14 and 18.

Sturgeon (Shovelnose, Pallid, Lake, and Hybrids): No harvest allowed. Must be returned to water immediately.

TWRA's goal is to manage each species of fish with statewide creel and length limits where possible. However, many waters, because of their unique characteristics, require individual creel and length limits. These regulations improve fishing for all anglers.

Minimum Length Limits restrict the harvest of fish below a specified minimum length. For example, a 15-inch minimum length limit allows the angler to keep fish 15 inches or greater. Fish less than 15 inches cannot be harvested. In waters where length restrictions are in place, anglers may not be able to harvest quite as many fish, but they will enjoy catching more fish—as many as two to three times more.

Slot Limits or Protected Length Ranges (PLRs) allow anglers to harvest fish above and below a specified length range. For example, a 14–18" PLR protects fish in the 14- to 18-inch length group. Anglers may harvest fish that measure less than 14 inches and they may harvest fish that measure over 18 inches. For a protected length range to be effective, anglers must harvest fish below the protected range.

Possession Limits: The total possession limit is twice the daily creel limit. You may not have more than the daily creel limit with you while afield. It is unlawful to have, while afield, any fish which has been altered so that its species and/or total body length cannot be determined.

Pole or Rod Limit: There is no limit on the number of poles, with some exceptions (page 16).

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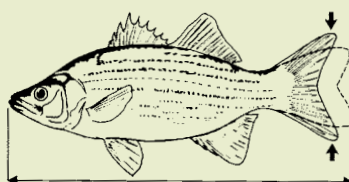
- ✗ **Silver carp**
(*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*)
- ✗ **Bighead carp**
(*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*)
- ✗ **Black carp**
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- ✗ **Blueback herring**
(*Alosa aestivalis*)
- ✗ **New Zealand mud snail**
(*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*)
- ✗ **Round goby**
(*Neogobius melanostomus*)
- ✗ **Rudd**
(*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*)
- ✗ **Ruffe**
(*Gymnocephalus cernua*)
- ✗ **Snakeheads**
(all members of the Family Channidae)
- ✗ **Swamp eels**
(all members of the Family Synbranchidae)
- ✗ **Zebra mussels**
(*Dreissena polymorpha*)

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Measuring A Fish's Length

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RESERVOIR REGULATIONS

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit
Walleye: 5 per day in combination, 16 inch minimum length limit
Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit
Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit
Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

OLD HICKORY

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination
Largemouth Bass: 14 inch minimum length limit
Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit
Spotted Bass: no length limit
Crappie (all species): 30 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit
Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day
Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit
White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit
Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit
Walleye: 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit
Sauger: 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit
Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*
Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit
Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit
Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

PERCY PRIEST

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination
Largemouth Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit
Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit
Spotted Bass: no length limit
Crappie (all species): 30 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit
Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day
Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit
White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit
Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit
Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit
Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit
Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

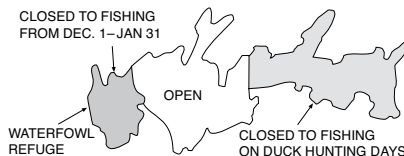
TIMS FORD

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination
Largemouth Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit
Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit
Spotted Bass: no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit
Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day
Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit
White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit
Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit
Walleye: 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit
Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit
Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit
Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

WOODS

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination
Largemouth/Spotted Bass: no length limit
Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit
Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit
Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day
White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit
Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit
Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit
Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit
Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit



WATER RELEASE SCHEDULES FOR DAMS

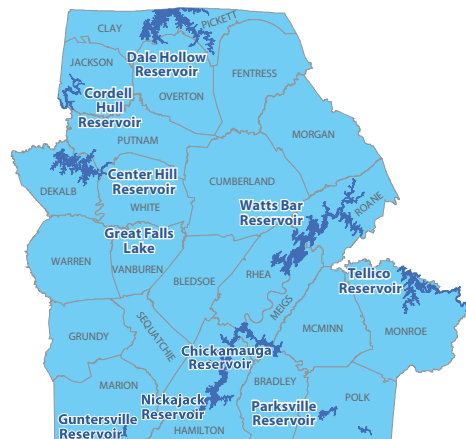
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REGION 3

CALDERWOOD

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination
Largemouth Bass: no length limit
Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit
Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit
Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day
Walleye: 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit
Sauger: 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit
Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit
Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit
Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit
Trout: 7 per day, no length limit

CENTER HILL

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination
Largemouth Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit
Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit
Spotted Bass: no length limit
Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit
Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day
White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit
Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit
Walleye: 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit
Paddlefish: reservoir and its tributaries are closed to taking or possessing paddlefish
Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit
Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit
Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

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RESERVOIR REGULATIONS

Special Restrictions:

January 1–April 30: on Caney Fork River from Rock Island State Park boat ramp upstream to Great Falls Dam, anglers are restricted to the use of one hook having a single point, or one lure with a single hook with one point. No more than three rods and reels or poles per angler may be used.

CHICKAMAUGA

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination, only one may be a smallmouth bass

Largemouth bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

Smallmouth bass: 1 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit

Spotted bass: no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit

Walleye: 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

Sauger: 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

CHILHOWEE

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination

Largemouth Bass: 14 inch minimum length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Walleye/Sauger: 10 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit, only two may be lake trout

CORDELL HULL

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination

Largemouth Bass: 17–23 inch PLR, 1 fish over 23 inches, 2 under 17 inches

Smallmouth bass: 18 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: no minimum length

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination.

Striped Bass: 32–42 inch PLR. Only one fish may be over 42 inches.

Hybrid Striped Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit

Walleye: 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

Sauger: 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

DALE HOLLOW

All Species: 3 pole limit per angler from boat and 6 pole limit per angler from bank may be used

Largemouth/Spotted/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination, only two may be smallmouth bass

Largemouth Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: no length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 2 per day, 16–21 inch PLR. One fish may be under 16 inches and one may be over 21 inches. Includes Wolf River upstream to South Ford Road bridge.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit

Walleye: 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Muskellunge: 1 per day, 50 inch minimum length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit

Special Restrictions:

January 1–April 30: on the east fork of the Obey from Compton boat ramp upstream to Hwy. 52 bridge, anglers are restricted to the use of one hook having a single point, or one lure with a single hook with one point. No more than 3 rods and reels or poles per angler may be used.

GREAT FALLS

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination

Largemouth Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Walleye: 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

Muskellunge: 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

GUNTERSVILLE

Largemouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination, no length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 1 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit

Crappie (all species): 30 per day in combination, 9 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit

Walleye: 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

Sauger: 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

NICKAJACK

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination, only one may be smallmouth bass

Largemouth Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 1 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: From Chickamauga Dam downstream to mouth of South Chickamauga Creek, 15 per day, no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit

Walleye: 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

RESERVOIR REGULATIONS

Sauger: 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

PARKSVILLE

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination

Largemouth Bass: 14 inch minimum length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit

WATTS BAR

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination

Largemouth Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:

April–October: 2 per day in combination.

November–March: 2 per day in combination, only one may be a striped bass.

Striped Bass:

April–October: 15 inch minimum length limit

November–March: 36 inch minimum length limit

Hybrid Striped Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit

Walleye: 5 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

Sauger: 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

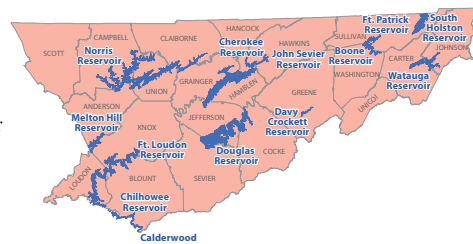
Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Muskellunge: 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit



REGION 4

BOONE

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination. This regulation applies from dam upstream to Hwy. 11E Bridge at Bluff City on South Fork Holston arm and upstream to new Austin Springs Bridge on Watauga arm.

Largemouth Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

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Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:

April–October: 2 per day in combination

November–March: 2 per day in combination, only one may be a striped bass

Striped Bass:

April–October: 15 inch minimum length limit

November–March: 36 inch minimum length limit

Hybrid Striped Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit

CHEROKEE

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination. Size restrictions apply from the dam upstream to the John Sevier Dam.

Largemouth Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): No harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Walleye: 5 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit

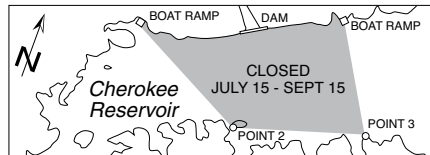
Sauger: 10 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

Paddlefish: 1 per day. Season is open from March 1–15. *Culling is prohibited.*

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit



Special Restrictions: A closed fishing Zone will be in effect from July 15 through September 15. This Zone is enclosed by lines from the boat ramp at the south end of the dam across the lake to Point 2, from Point 2 to Point 3, and from Point 3 back across the lake to the TWRA boat ramp at the north end of the dam. All bank fishing will be open and the coves along the southeast shoreline will be open to boat fishing, but no fishing for any species will be allowed by boat in the described Zone from July 15 through September 15.

DOUGLAS

Restrictions extend from Douglas Dam upstream to the ENKA Dam on the Nolichucky River and the mouth of the Pigeon River on the French Broad. Restrictions on **Walleye** and **Sauger** also include Pigeon and French Broad Rivers upstream to NC state line.

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination, only one may be smallmouth bass

Largemouth Bass: no length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 20 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Walleye/Sauger: 5 per day in combination.

Walleye: 15 inch minimum length limit

Sauger: no minimum length limit but only one sauger may be over 16 inches per day

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Muskellunge: 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

FT. LOUDOUN

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination

Largemouth Bass: 14 inch minimum length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit

Walleye/Sauger: 10 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit.

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from April 24 through May 31. *Culling is prohibited.*

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit

FT. PATRICK HENRY

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: no length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

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RESERVOIR REGULATIONS

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:
no creel or length limit

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit

JOHN SEVIER

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination

Largemouth Bass: no length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 13–17 inch protected length range, only one Smallmouth bass over 17 inches per day

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:
no creel or length limit

MELTON HILL

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination

Largemouth Bass: 14 inch minimum length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no minimum length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, including Clinch River upstream to Highway 61 bridge in Clinton.

Striped Bass: 32–42 inch PLR; only one fish may be over 42 inches

Hybrid Striped Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit

Walleye/Sauger: 10 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Muskellunge: 1 per day, 50 inch minimum length limit. Muskellunge that are not intended to be harvested must be released immediately in a manner that promotes survival of the fish. Culling of muskellunge, whereby an angler removes a muskellunge from his/her possession (creel) and replaces it with another more desirable muskellunge, is not allowed.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:
no creel or length limit

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit

NORRIS

Extends from the dam upstream to the Hwy. 25E bridge on the Clinch River arm and upstream to Gap Creek on the Powell River arm.

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination

Largemouth Bass: 14 inch minimum length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 2 per day, 17–22 inch PLR. Only one fish may be over 22 inches.

Spotted Bass: no creel or length limit

Crappie (all species): 10 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Striped Bass:

April–October: 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

November–March: 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit

Walleye/Sauger: 5 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit (upstream to Grissom Island on the Clinch River)

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Muskellunge: 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:
30 per day, no length limit

SOUTH HOLSTON (TN + VA RULES)

- South Holston Reservoir License (Type 063) is available for TN residents that want to fish Virginia portion of reservoir.
- Restricted to 15 limblines per angler.

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination

Largemouth Bass: no length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): 20 per day in combination. Only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

White Bass: No harvest allowed.

Walleye: 5 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit. Includes tributaries.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill: 50 per day, no length limit

Warmouth and other sunfishes:
no creel or length limit

Trout: 7 per day, only two may be lake trout.

TELLICO

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination

Largemouth Bass: 14 inch minimum length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 18 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit

Walleye/Sauger: 10 per day in combination but no more than 5 may be walleye. 15 inch minimum length limit. One walleye may be 24 inches or larger. Includes tributaries.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:
no creel or length limit

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit

WATAUGA

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination

Largemouth Bass: 12 inch minimum length limit

Smallmouth Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit

Walleye: 5 per day, 18 inch minimum length limit. Walleye run regulation from Jan. 1–Apr. 30, anglers are restricted to the use of one hook having a single point or one lure having no more than one hook with a single point (artificial or bait) on the following waters: Elk River from the Hwy. 321 Bridge downstream to RM 3.0 (Pt. 11) on the Elk River Arm of Watauga Reservoir, Doe Creek (Old Cabin Private Road downstream to Roan Creek), Roan Creek (Mountain Lake Estates Bridge downstream to Doe Creek), and Watauga River (NC line downstream to the end of Cownstown Road).

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes:
no creel or length limit

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit, only two may be lake trout

TWRA FISHING LAKES

Eighteen TWRA managed lakes, located in Middle and West Tennessee, are open year-round. Some of these lakes are operated by private concessionaires under contract and offer complete services for the fishing public.

Hours

The lakes are open to fishing all week. Lakes will open one-half hour before sunrise and close one-half hour after sunset, except Garrett Lake which is open 24 hours a day. Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day the following lakes are closed: Carroll, Gibson Co., Glenn Springs, Herb Parsons, and Lake Graham.

Permits

A daily lake permit of \$5.00 (available at most lakes), in addition to the regular fishing license, is required to use these lakes, with the exception of Garrett and Whiteville lakes. All residents 16 through 64 years of age, except holders of a Sportsman License and Lifetime Sportsman license, and nonresidents 16 years of age or older must have this permit. Resident anglers 65 years of age and older do not need a lake permit, but do need a fishing license. A \$40.00 Annual Lake Permit may also be purchased at the individual lakes, and is good at all TWRA fishing lakes. **Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake** daily lake permit should be purchased from a license agent in the surrounding area before going to the lake.

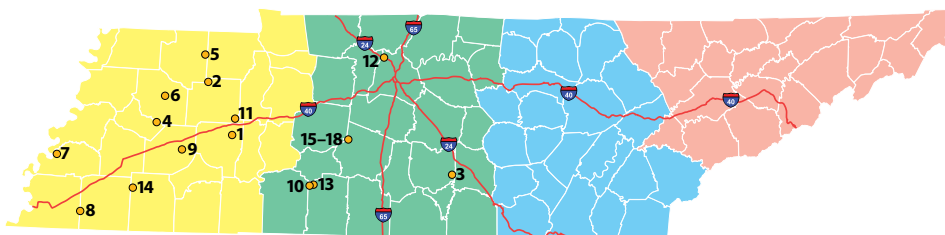
Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all Agency lakes.

Speed boating, personal water craft, water skiing and swimming are prohibited (except in the recreational zone of Gibson County Lake). Houseboats, sailboats and inboard cruisers are prohibited. On Coy Gaither-Bedford, Marrowbone, VFW, and Williamsport lakes, only trolling motors can be used.

Boats may be rented for \$8.00 per day at some lakes. There is no charge for boat cushions or paddles.

Tackle

Only rods and reels, poles, hand-held lines, and jugs may be used (see page 30 for jug fishing rules at TWRA lakes). Jugging is not allowed on Gibson County Lake. Cast nets, trotlines and limblines are illegal on Agency lakes.



TWRA FISHING LAKES

LOCATIONS AND FACILITIES

See more details at tnwildlife.org

	Licenses sold	Permit required	Rental boats	Outboards permitted	Launching ramp	Fishing piers	Picnic areas	Vending machines	Bait & tackle
1. Brown's Creek Lake (731-423-5725) Henderson Co. 10 miles S of I-40 in the Natchez Trace State Park. (167 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•		
2. Carroll Lake (731-423-5725) Carroll Co. 4 miles E of McKenzie on Hwy 22. (100 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•		
3. Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake (615-781-6622) Bedford Co. 10 miles SE of Shelbyville on Hwy 269. (47 acres)		•			•	•	•		
4. Davy Crockett Lake (731-784-3889) Crockett Co. 5 miles W of Humboldt on Hwy 152. (87 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•		
5. Garrett Lake (731-423-5725) Weakley Co. 7 miles E of Dresden on Hwy 54. (183 acres)				•	•	•	•		
6. Gibson County Lake (731-855-2990) Gibson Co. 5 miles E of Trenton off of Vaughns Grove Rd. (560 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
7. Glenn Springs Lake (901-835-5253) Tipton Co. 12 miles NE of Millington on Glenn Springs Rd. (310 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
8. Herb Parsons Lake (901-861-5087) Fayette Co. 15 miles N of Collierville on Collierville-Arlington Rd. (177 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
9. Lake Graham (731-422-0950) Madison Co. 9 miles E of Jackson on Cotton Grove Rd. (500 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
10. Laurel Hill Lake (931-762-7200) Lawrence Co. 15 miles W of Lawrenceburg on Hwy 64. (325 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
11. Maples Creek Lake (731-423-5725) Carroll Co. 4 miles N of I-40 in Natchez Trace State Park. (90 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•		
12. Marrowbone Lake (615-876-6012) Davidson Co. 6 miles N of Joelton off of Hwy 41-A. (60 acres)	•	•	•		•	•	•		•
13. VFW Lake (931-762-7200) Lawrence Co. 12 miles W of Lawrenceburg off of Hwy 64. (22 acres)		•	•		•	•	•		•
14. Whiteville Lake (731-423-5725) Hardeman Co. 2 miles S of Whiteville on Hwy 64. (158 acres)				•	•	•	•		
15-18. Williamsport Lakes (4 lakes) (931-583-2477) Maury Co. 8.5 miles NW of Columbia on Hwy 50. (164 acres total)	•	•	•		•	•	•		•

Take it to the bank

Tennessee bank fishing opportunities

Contact your TWRA Office or log on to www.tnwildlife.org for a list of bank fishing locations.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

TWRA FISHING LAKES

- ◆ Statewide regulations apply for any species not listed.
- ◆ PLR is a Protected Length Range. Fish in this length range may not be harvested and only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested. To promote growth of bigger bass, anglers are encouraged to harvest their daily limit of bass shorter than the listed PLR.

BROWN'S CREEK LAKE

Black Bass: 5 per day, 18–24 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.
Bluegill: no creel or length limit
Redear: 20 per day, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit

CARROLL LAKE

Black Bass: 5 per day, no length limit
Bluegill: no creel or length limit
Redear: 20 per day, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit

COY GAITHER-BEDFORD LAKE

Largemouth Bass: 5 per day, 14–18 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.
Bluegill/Redear: 20 per day in combination, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, 14 inch minimum length limit

DAVY CROCKETT LAKE (CROCKETT Co.)

Black Bass: 10 per day, no length limit
Bluegill: no creel or length limit
Redear: 20 per day, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit

GARRETT LAKE

Black Bass: 5 per day, no length limit
Bluegill: no creel or length limit
Redear: 20 per day, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit

GIBSON COUNTY LAKE

Largemouth Bass: 5 per day, 18–24 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.

Bluegill/Redear: 20 per day in combination, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit

GLENN SPRINGS LAKE

Black Bass: 10 per day, 14–18 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.
Bluegill/Redear: 20 per day in combination, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 8 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit

HERB PARSONS LAKE

Black Bass: 10 per day, 14–18 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.
Bluegill: no creel or length limit
Redear: 20 per day, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit

LAKE GRAHAM

Black Bass: 10 per day, 14–18 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.
Bluegill: no creel or length limit
Redear: 20 per day, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit

LAUREL HILL LAKE

One embayment is for juvenile fishing, only youths 16 and under may fish. Nursery ponds may be closed as posted.

Largemouth Bass: 10 per day, 13–18 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.
Bluegill/Redear: 20 per day in combination, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, 14 inch minimum length limit

MAPLES CREEK LAKE

Black Bass: 5 per day, no length limit
Bluegill: no creel or length limit
Redear: 20 per day, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit

MARROWBONE LAKE

Black Bass: 5 per day, 14–18 inch PLR. Only one (1) fish longer than the listed range may be harvested.
Bluegill: no creel or length limit
Redear: 20 per day, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit

VFW LAKE

Largemouth Bass: 5 per day, no length limit
Bluegill/Redear: 20 per day in combination, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, 14 inch minimum length limit

WHITEVILLE LAKE

Black Bass: 5 per day, no length limit
Bluegill: no creel or length limit
Redear: 20 per day, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit

WILLIAMSPORT LAKES (4 LAKES)

Whippoorwill Lake is for juvenile fishing, only youths 16 and under and an accompanying adult may fish. Two wetland ponds, Egret and Heron, are closed to fishing.

Largemouth Bass: 1 per day, 20 inch minimum length limit
Bluegill/Redear: 20 per day in combination, no length limit
Crappie (all species): 15 per day, 10 inch minimum length limit
Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, 14 inch minimum length limit



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SMALL IMPOUNDMENTS

EXCEPTIONS TO STATEWIDE FISHING REGULATIONS ON SMALL IMPOUNDMENTS

Allen Branch Pond (Cocke County)

- **Catfish:** 5 per day, no minimum length

Beech River Watershed Lakes

- **Catfish:** 5 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit
- **Crappie:** 30 per day, no minimum length limit.

Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness WMA Ponds

Designated as youth fishing ponds. Fishing is permitted for youths 16 years of age or younger who are accompanied by a non-fishing adult (18 years of age or older). Youths are limited to using one (1) pole or rod while fishing. Fishing is permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

- **Bluegill:** 10 per day

- **Channel Catfish:** 5 per day
- **Largemouth Bass:** catch and release only

Campbell Lake (Maury County)

Special regulations apply. See regulations posted at the lake.

Casper Lake (Shelby County)

- **Largemouth Bass:** 2 per day, 16 inch minimum length limit

Catoosa Wildlife Management Area

All streams and ponds are open from Apr. 1–Dec. 31, except on the dates of managed big game and turkey hunts.

Davy Crockett Lake (Greene County)

- **Crappie:** 30 per day, no length limit
- **Smallmouth/Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 13–17 inch protected length range, only one over 17 inches
- **Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit

Dickson City Lakes (Dickson County)

- **Catfish:** 5 per day

Doakes Pond (on Norris Reservoir)

The portion of Norris Reservoir known as Doakes Pond, located adjacent to Hwy. 63 approximately 9 miles NE of LaFollette, is closed to fishing.

Douglas Reservoir

Henderson Island WMA Rearing Pond is closed to fishing year-round.

Federal Refuges

Some federal wildlife refuges have closed seasons. For details contact the office of the national wildlife refuge where you wish to fish.

Gooch Unit E Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

Hiwassee Refuge

Trespassing and fishing are prohibited in embayments and sub-impoundments from Nov. 15–Feb. 29. Boats must remain within the river channel defined by navigational buoys.

Indian Boundary Lake (Cherokee NF)

- **Largemouth Bass:** 2 per day, 14 inch minimum length limit
- **Catfish:** 5 per day
- **Crappie:** 30 per day, no length limit

Kingston Wildlife Refuge

Trespassing and fishing are prohibited in embayments and sub-impoundments from Nov. 15–Feb. 29. Boats must remain within the river channel defined by navigational buoys.

Lake Kefauver

(Madisonville, Monroe County)

- **Bass:** 2 per day, 14 inch minimum length limit
- **Catfish:** 5 per day

Land Between the Lakes

All waters are open year round with the following provisions:

- Farm ponds are open to fishing unless otherwise posted.

- Bards Lake: Trotlines and limblines are prohibited. Jugs are permitted from Oct. 1–Mar. 21, with a limit of 10 jugs per person.

New Lake (Lewisburg City Lake)

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit
- **Catfish:** 5 per day
- **Crappie:** 15 per day, no length limit

Open one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Only rods and reels and cane poles permitted.

Paint Rock Refuge (on Watts Bar Reservoir)

Trespassing and fishing are prohibited in embayments and sub-impoundments from Nov. 15–Feb. 29. Boats must remain within the river channel defined by navigational buoys.

Reelfoot Watershed Lake #18

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

STATE PARK LAKES

State Park Lakes are managed by the Department of Environment and Conservation (888-867-2757). Unless otherwise posted, statewide fishing regulations apply with the following exceptions:

Crappie (all species combined):

- All lakes: daily creel limit of 15, no minimum length limit, except:
 - Pin Oak Lake: daily creel limit of 30, no length limit

Channel or blue catfish or in combination:

- All lakes: daily creel limit of 5 fish

Black bass from the following lakes must be a minimum of 15 inches:

- Lake Lajoie, Chickasaw State Park
- Lake Placid, Chickasaw State Park
- Lake Lindsey, David Crockett State Park
- Byrd Lake, Cumberland Mountain State Park
- Sullivan's Pond, Ft. Pillow State Historic Area
- Indian Mt. "B" Lake, Indian Mountain State Park
- Acorn Lake, Montgomery Bell State Park
- Creech Hollow Lake, Montgomery Bell SP
- Kelly (Standing Stone) Lake, Standing Stone State Park

Black bass from:

- Big Ridge Lake, Big Ridge State Park: must be a minimum of 14 inches
- Poplar Tree Lake, Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park: 14–18 inch PLR (slot limit)
- Travis McNatt Lake, Big Hill Pond State Park: daily creel limit of 10 bass (no length limit)
- Lake Woodhaven (Montgomery Bell State Park): catch and release only. All black bass caught must be immediately released, unharmed.

Bluegill and redear sunfish in combination:

- Poplar Tree Lake, Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park: daily creel limit of 20 fish
- Fall Creek Lake, Fall Creek Falls State Park: daily creel limit 20 fish

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STREAMS AND RIVERS

EXCEPTIONS TO STATEWIDE FISHING REGULATIONS ON STREAMS AND RIVERS

ALSO SEE TROUT STREAMS PAGES 24–26

Buffalo Creek (Grainger County)

Closed to all fishing and minnow seining upstream from the mill dam.

Caney Fork River (headwaters of Center Hill Reservoir)

Walleye run regulation in effect on the upper end of Center Hill Reservoir, including the Caney Fork River beginning at the boat ramp at Rock Island State Park and extending upstream to Great Falls Dam. Anglers restricted to use of one hook having a single barb or lure containing a single hook with one barb from Jan. 1–Apr. 30. No more than 3 rods and reels or poles may be used.

Clear Creek (tributary to the Clinch River – Anderson County)

Closed to fishing and minnow seining from Hwy. 441 upstream to the second dam (adjacent to the city of Norris water tower), as posted from Nov. 1–Mar. 31.

Clinch River

- Norris Reservoir upstream to Grissom Island: Sauger and Walleye (in combination) — 5 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit
- Hwy. 25E upstream to state line: 13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

East Fork of the Obey River (headwaters of Dale Hollow Reservoir)

Walleye run regulation in effect on the East Fork of the Obey River from Compton Boat Ramp upstream to the Hwy. 52 bridge. Anglers restricted to use of one hook having a single barb or lure containing a single hook with one barb from Jan. 1–Apr. 30. No more than 3 rods and reels or poles may be used.

Forked Deer, Hatchie, Loosahatchie, Obion and Wolf Rivers (includes tributaries)

- Crappie: 30 per day, no length limit

French Broad River

- **Smallmouth Bass:** 13–17 inch protected length range with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches (Hwy. 168 to state line, excluding Douglas Reservoir).
- **Walleye/Sauger:** 5 per day in combination (Douglas Dam to state line).

Walleye: 15 inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: No minimum length limit but only one sauger can be over 16 inches per day.

Holston River (I-40 bridge upstream to Cherokee Dam and John Sevier Dam upstream to North Fork Holston River)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

Little River (Rockford Dam upstream to Great Smoky Mountains NP boundary)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

Little Buffalo River (Laurel Hill WMA)

Closed to fishing during big game hunts.

Little Pigeon River (from mouth upstream to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary, including the West Prong and East Fork of the Little Pigeon River)

- **Smallmouth Bass:** 1 per day, 20 inch minimum length limit

Mississippi River (includes adjacent sloughs, bayous, and all river runs and chutes, that are accessible by boat from the river proper)

- **Black Bass:** 10 per day, no length limit
- **Bream:** 50 per day, no length limit
- **Catfish:** no creel limit, only one per day over 34 inches
- **Crappie:** 50 per day, no length limit
- **Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass:** 6 per day, no length limit
- **Sauger:** 6 per day, no length limit
- **White Bass:** 30 per day, no length limit

Nolichucky River (ENKA Dam upstream to state line, includes Davy Crockett Lake)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

North Fork Holston River (confluence with South Fork Holston River upstream to state line)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

Pigeon River (from mouth at French Broad River upstream to North Carolina state line)

- **Smallmouth Bass:** 1 per day, 20 inch minimum length limit
- **Walleye/Sauger:** 5 per day in combination.

Walleye: 15 inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: No minimum length limit but only one sauger can be over 16 inches per day.

Powell River (Gap Creek confluence upstream to state line)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

South Fork Holston River (confluence with North Fork Holston River upstream to Fort Patrick Henry Dam)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

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Stones River (confluence with Cumberland River upstream to J. Percy Priest Dam)

Regulations for Cheatham Reservoir apply (page 12).

Tellico River (Tellico Reservoir Boundary upstream to state line)

13–17 inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

Wolf River (South Ford Road Bridge downstream into Dale Hollow Reservoir)

- **Smallmouth Bass:** 2 per day, 16–21 inch PLR (one under 16 inches and one over 21 inches)

TROUT REGULATIONS



STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

Any combination of trout species:

Daily Limit7

Minimum LengthNone

Exceptions:

- Only 2 trout in a creel may be lake trout
- Brook trout—6 inch min. length limit
- See the following specific regulations

DELAYED HARVEST AREAS

In the areas listed below, the harvest or possession of trout will be prohibited during the catch-and-release season. During the catch-and-release season, only artificial lures are permitted and the use or possession of bait is prohibited.

Hiwassee River – Appalachian Powerhouse downstream to L&N Railroad Bridge.

- ♦ Catch-and-release season is October 1 through February 28.
- ♦ From March 1 through September 30, trout creel limit is 7 trout of all species combined and only 2 may be brown trout.

Paint Creek (Paint Creek Campground downstream to mouth at French Broad River)

- ♦ Catch-and-release season is October 1 through February 28.

Piney River – Cumberland Trail State Park downstream to Highway 27 Bridge.

- ♦ Catch-and-release season is November 1 through February 28.

Tellico River (Mouth of Turkey Creek upstream to the mouth of North River):

- ♦ Catch-and-release season is October 1 through March 14.

SPECIAL TROUT REGULATIONS

Caney Fork River (Center Hill Dam to Cumberland River, including tributaries)

- ♦ Total daily creel of all trout (rainbow, brown and brook) in combination is 5 fish
- ♦ **Rainbow Trout:** 5 per day, 14–20 inch protected length range, only one fish over 20 inches may be harvested
- ♦ **Brook Trout:** 5 per day, 14–20 inch protected length range, only one fish over 20 inches may be harvested
- ♦ **Brown Trout:** 1 per day, 24 inch minimum length limit

Clinch River (Norris Dam, downstream to Hwy. 61 bridge, including tributaries)

- ♦ 14–20 inch protected length range on all trout
- ♦ 7 trout creel limit, only one trout may be greater than 20 inches

Clear Creek (tributary to Clinch River—Anderson Co.)

- ♦ Closed to fishing and minnow seining from Hwy. 441 upstream to the second dam (adjacent to the city of Norris water tower), as posted from Nov. 1–Mar. 31.

Hiwassee River

Appalachian Powerhouse downstream to L&N Railroad Bridge.

- ♦ March 1 through September 30: 7 trout creel limit, only 2 may be brown trout.
- ♦ October 1 through last day of February: see delayed harvest areas.

South Holston River (South Holston Dam to Hwy. 37 Bridge at Bluff City)

- ♦ 16–22 inch protected length range on all trout
- ♦ 7 trout creel limit, only one trout may be greater than 22 inches
- ♦ Closed to all fishing Nov. 1–Jan. 31 in the following areas:

- 1) Hickory Tree Bridge upstream to the confluence with Bottom Creek
- 2) downstream point of Boy's Island (first island downstream of Weaver Pike Bridge) upstream to the top of the first island above Webb Road Bridge

Watauga River (Quality Trout Fishing Area Smallings bridge downstream to CSX railroad bridges)

- ♦ 14 inch minimum length limit
- ♦ 2 trout creel limit
- ♦ Use or possession of any bait is prohibited.
- ♦ Trout less than 14 inches may not be in possession

Polk County (Big Lost Creek, Goforth Creek, Spring Creek, and their tributaries in Polk County)

- ♦ Closed to fishing on Fridays from Mar. 1–Jul. 1 except for state and federal holidays
- ♦ Only one single hook lure or baited single hook is permitted

- ♦ The use or possession of lures or baits with multiple hooks is prohibited

- ♦ Fishing is permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset
- ♦ Fishing equipment or tackle is prohibited on the stream banks except during legal fishing hours

Horse Creek (Greene County, US Forest Service Boundary Line upstream to the junction of Squibb Creek)

- ♦ Daily limit: 7 per day except from May 1–Sep. 30 daily limit is 2. Fishing is limited to ages 12 and under, ages 65 and older, and physically challenged individuals.

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Most of the streams in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park provide trout fishing opportunities. For detailed fishing information and regulations, contact: Park Headquarters, Gatlinburg, TN 37738; phone (865) 436-1200.

FORT CAMPBELL MILITARY RESERVATION

Several streams on Fort Campbell Military Reservation including Noah's Spring Branch, Little West Fork and Fletcher's Fork are stocked with rainbow and brown trout. Special fishing regulations apply and a Post Fishing Permit is required in addition to a valid Tennessee fishing license and trout stamp. For details, contact the Community Recreation Division, Hunting and Fishing Unit, Fort Campbell, KY 42223-5000; phone (270) 798-2175.

TAILWATER TROUT

TWRA stocks fingerling and adult trout into coldwater tailwaters below dams to provide fishing opportunities. In many tailwaters trout fishing can be good year-round. Trout are stocked routinely during the following months. Use caution below dams. Call TVA at 1-800-238-2264 to check dam discharge and generation schedules.

RIVER	BELOW	TROUT SPECIES	STOCKING SCHEDULE
Elk River	Tims Ford Dam	rainbow and brown	March through November
Duck River	Normandy Dam	rainbow and brown	November through June*
Caney Fork River	Center Hill Dam	rainbow, brown, and brook	March through December
Stones River	J. Percy Priest Dam	rainbow	December through March*
Obey River	Dale Hollow Dam	rainbow, brown, and brook	January through December
Hiwassee River	Appalachian Dam	rainbow and brown	January through December
Ocoee River	Ocoee Dam #1—Parksville	rainbow	March and April*
Clinch River	Norris Dam	rainbow, brown, and brook	March through September
S. Holston River	S. Holston Dam	rainbow	March through September
Watauga River	Wilbur Dam	rainbow and brown	March through September
Wilbur Reservoir	Watauga Dam	rainbow	February through June
Holston River	Cherokee Dam	rainbow and brown	November through April
S. Holston River	Fort Patrick Henry Dam	rainbow and brown	March and April

*Seasonal fishery – only productive during stocked months.

TROUT REGULATIONS

GATLINBURG TROUT FISHING

TWRA and the City of Gatlinburg offer a variety of trout fishing opportunities in four streams. All streams are closed on Thursday each week and a Gatlinburg permit is required (page 9). Some areas are managed especially for children 12 and under. For more information contact the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce, (800)568-4748 or the Gatlinburg trout facility at (865)436-4558.

The taking of trout using a Gatlinburg Permit is allowed only within the designated streams, designated times, and under the restrictions listed in the following paragraphs.

General Streams

- ♦ West Prong Little Pigeon River from Park Boundary to Gnatty Branch except those sections set aside as Children's Streams.
- ♦ Dudley Creek from Park Boundary to West Prong Little Pigeon River, except those sections set aside as Children's Streams.

- ♦ Roaring Fork from the Park Boundary to West Prong Little Pigeon River.
- ♦ Leconte Creek from Painter Branch to West Prong Little Pigeon River.

Children's Streams (May only be fished by children 12 and under, unless otherwise posted.)

- ♦ Leconte Creek from Painters Branch upstream to Park Boundary.
- ♦ West Prong Little Pigeon River from 100 yards above entrance of Herbert Holt Park downstream to Gatlinburg By-pass Bridge.
- ♦ Dudley Creek from Highway 441 Bridge to West Prong Little Pigeon River.

Fishing permitted year-round, except on Thursday, from ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset. Fishing is permitted with one hand-held rod and single hook only.

Season and Creel Limits

From December 1 through March 31:

- ♦ Possession of any trout shall be prohibited.

- ♦ All trout caught must be immediately returned to the water.

- ♦ Use or possession of bait is prohibited. Use or possession of any artificial lures other than single hook artificial flies, spinners, and spoons is prohibited. The use of one dropper fly having a single hook which is separated from a legal lure by a length of line is permissible.

From April 1 through November 30:

- ♦ **General Streams:** The creel limit is five (5) trout per day. Bait and artificial lures permitted.
- ♦ **Children's Streams:** The creel limit is two (2) per day.
- ♦ Total possession limit shall not exceed twice the daily creel limit.
- ♦ While fishing or when afield, possession of more than the daily creel limit shall be prohibited, regardless of whether the trout are fresh, stored in an ice chest, in a vehicle, or otherwise preserved.

TROUT REGULATIONS ON CHEROKEE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA	NAME OF TROUT STREAM	TELLICO-CITICO DAILY PERMIT REQUIRED	CLOSED THU/FRI EXCEPT STATE & FEDERAL HOLIDAYS	CREEL LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT	HOURS OPEN	GEAR/TACKLE ALLOWED
	Only one rod or pole permitted per angler on the waters listed below except Calderwood.						
	TELLICO RIVER upstream from Turkey Creek to NC state line*	3/15 – 9/15	3/15 – 9/15	7	6" Brook, No size limit on Rainbow or Brown	One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset	All
	CITICO CREEK upstream from Little Citico Creek*	3/15 – 9/15	3/15 – 9/15	7			All
	GREEN COVE POND Fishing limited to handicapped** individuals, children under age 13, and adults 65 years of age and older.	Year-round	Year-round	7			All (No minnows)
	NORTH RIVER and tributaries	No	No	3	6" Brook, 9" Brown and Rainbow		Only single-hook artificial lures and flies are permitted. Use or possession of multiple hook lures, or bait is prohibited.
	BALD RIVER and tributaries	No	No	3			
	NORTH FORK CITICO CREEK and tributaries	No	No	3			
	SOUTH FORK CITICO CREEK and tributaries	No	No	3			
	LAUREL FORK and tributaries beginning at cable crossing ½ mile upstream from Dennis Cove Recreation Area and extending upstream	No	No	3			
	GEE CREEK and tributaries in Polk County	No	No	3			
	WOLF CREEK and tributaries in Polk County	No	No	3			
	BEAVERDAM CREEK and tributaries from its confluence with Birch Branch downstream to Tank Hollow Road (USFS Rd. 300)	No	No	3			
	PAINT CREEK and tributaries in Greene Co. from USFS campground upstream to US Forest Service boundary line south of Hwy 70 near Munday Gap	No	No	3			
	ROCKY FORK and tributaries	No	No	7 trout, only 3 Brook trout	6" Brook, No size limit on Rainbow or Brown		
	HIGGINS CREEK and tributaries	No	No				
	SQUIBB CREEK	No	No				
	SARVIS COVE	No	No				
	DRY CREEK and tributaries (Greene Co.) upstream from US Forest Service boundary	No	No				
	SYCAMORE CREEK and tributaries	No	No				
	ROUGH RIDGE CREEK and tributaries	No	No				
	LITTLE JACOB CREEK (Sullivan Co.)	No	No				
	LEFT PRONG HAMPTON CREEK (Carter Co.)	No	No				
	SLICKROCK CREEK that portion which constitutes boundary between NC and TN	No	No	4	All trout 7"		
	CALDERWOOD RESERVOIR (limblines and trotlines prohibited)	No	No	7	None	24 hrs.	All
	ALL OTHER STREAMS IN CHEROKEE WMA (not listed above)	No	No	7	Gen. Reg.	24 hrs.	All

* The possession of fishing equipment and/or tackle is prohibited on stream banks except during legal fishing hours.

** Handicap – Any person who is mentally or physically impaired (including blindness) because of injury or disease, congenital or acquired, which permanently renders him/her so severely disabled as to be unable to move without aid of crutches or a wheelchair, or a person who has 80% permanent impairment of a hand or arm as determined by a physician using standards outlined in the "Guide to Evaluation of Permanent Rating," published by the AMA or other accepted rating system.

2011 TWRA TENTATIVE TROUT STOCKING SCHEDULE

The dates listed are all Sundays. The stocking event will happen within five days after the date listed. Trout will be stocked according to the schedule. However, any stocking event could be postponed or cancelled due to unforeseen problems, such as adverse weather.

			FEBRUARY				MARCH				APRIL				MAY					JUNE				JULY					AUGUST				SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER							
	COUNTY	STREAM	6	13	20	27	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30			
REGION 1	Houston	Hurricane Creek				•		•		•		•			•																													
	Houston	Whiteoak Creek				•				•					•																													
	Humphreys	Hurricane Creek				•				•				•																														
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	Perry	Cane Creek				•				•				•																														
	Stewart	Standing Rock Creek				•		•			•				•																													
REGION 2	Hickman	Cane Creek				•				•				•																														
	Hickman	Mill Creek				•				•			•				•				•																							
	Lawrence	East Fork Shoal Creek				•				•				•			•				•																							
	Lawrence	Little Buffalo River				•				•				•			•				•																							
	Macon	Salt Lick Creek				•				•				•							•																							
	Montgomery	Fort Campbell Streams				•				•				•							•					•						•												
REGION 3	Cumberland	Sequatchie River				•				•				•				•																										
	DeKalb	Pine Creek				•				•				•																														
	DeKalb	Sink Creek				•				•				•																														
	Fentress	Wolf River				•				•				•				•																										
	Grundy	Collins River				•				•				•				•																										
	Grundy	Elk River				•				•				•				•																										
	Hamilton	N Chickamauga Creek				•				•				•				•																										
	Jackson	Flynn's Lick Creek				•				•				•				•																										
	Marion	Battle Creek				•				•				•				•																										
	Marion	Little Sequatchie River				•				•				•				•																										
	Marion	Pocket Creek				•				•				•				•																										
	Marion	Sweeten Creek				•				•				•				•																										
	Marion	Town Creek				•				•				•				•																										
	Monroe	Citico Creek**				•				•				•				•			•				•			•			•		•		•		•		•		•		•	
	Monroe	Green Cove Pond***				•				•				•				•			•				•			•			•		•		•		•		•		•		•	
	Monroe	Tellico River**				•				•				•				•			•				•			•			•		•		•		•		•		•		•	
	Morgan	Flat Fork Creek			•					•				•				•																										
	Overton	Standing Stone Lake				•				•				•				•																										
	Pickett	Pickett Lake				•				•				•				•									•				•													
	Polk	Big Lost Creek*				•				•				•				•																										
	Polk	McCamy Lake				•				•				•				•																										
	Polk	Goforth Creek*				•				•				•				•																										
	Polk	Greasy Creek				•				•				•				•																										
	Polk	Spring Creek*				•				•				•				•																										
	Polk	Tumbling Creek				•				•				•				•																										
	Polk	Turtletown Creek				•				•				•				•																										
	Putnam	Calfkiller River				•				•				•				•																										
	Rhea	Piney Creek				•				•				•				•																										
	VanBuren	Cane Creek				•				•				•				•																										
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	VanBuren	Rocky River				•				•				•				•																										
	Warren	Charles Creek				•				•				•				•																										
	Warren	Mountain Creek				•				•				•				•																										
	Warren	N Barren Fork Creek				•				•				•				•																										
	Warren	Barren Fork River				•				•				•				•																										
	Warren	Upper Hills Creek				•				•				•				•																										
REGION 4	Blount	Little River				•				•				•			•			•																								
	Campbell	Laurel Fork				•				•				•				•			•																							
	Campbell	Tackett Creek				•				•				•				•			•																							
	Carter	Doe River				•				•				•				•			•																							
	Carter	Elk River				•				•				•				•			•																							
	Carter	Laurel Fork				•				•				•				•			•																							
	Carter	Stony Creek																																										

2011 TWRA TENTATIVE TROUT STOCKING SCHEDULE

Winter Trout Stocking

The following locations are tentatively scheduled to be stocked with rainbow trout December through March. The schedule will be posted on www.tnwildlife.org in November.

	LOCATION	TOWN
REGION 1	Cameron Brown Lake	Germantown
	Edmund- Orgill Park, Pavillion #3 Pond	Millington
	Johnson Park Lake	Collierville
	Lake Graham	Jackson
	Martin City Pond	Martin
	McKenzie City Park	McKenzie
	Munford City Park	Munford
	Paris City Park	Paris
	Shelby Farms, Jones Pond	Memphis
	Stoneridge and Yale Road Park Lakes	Bartlett
	Union City, Reelfoot Packing Site	Union City
REGION 2	Duck River at Fishermen's Park	Shelbyville
	Duck River at Riverside Dam	Columbia
	East Fork Shoal Creek	Lawrenceburg
	Harpeth River	Franklin
	J. Percy Priest Tailwater	Nashville
	J.D. Buckner Park	Dickson
	Kingston Springs Park	Kingston Springs
	Lafayette City Park	Lafayette
	Marrowbone Lake	Joelton
	McCutcheon Creek	Spring Hill
	Nice Mill	Smyrna
	Shelby Bottoms Park	Nashville
	Springfield City Greenway	Springfield
	Stone Bridge Park	Fayetteville
	VFW Lake	Lawrenceburg
	W Fork Red River, Billy Dunlap Park	Clarksville
	West Fork Stones River	Murfreesboro
REGION 3	Athens Rec Park	Athens
	Cane Creek Park	Cookeville
	Cumberland Mountain State Park	Crossville
	Lake Junior	Chattanooga
	Pickett Lake	Pickett State Park
REGION 4	Onieda City Park	Onieda

RESERVOIR TROUT STOCKING

The following reservoirs are stocked with trout during the winter to provide year-round trout fishing opportunities.

Reservoir	Species Stocked
Calderwood	Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout
Chilhowee	Rainbow and Lake Trout
Dale Hollow	Rainbow and Brown Trout
Fort Patrick Henry	Rainbow and Brown Trout
Parksville	Rainbow and Brown Trout
South Holston	Rainbow , Brown, and Lake Trout
Tellico (upper)	Rainbow Trout
Watauga	Rainbow, Brown, and Lake Trout

HELP STOP POACHING

THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE FOR REPORTING GAME VIOLATIONS ONLY.

CALL BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. AND MIDNIGHT, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

West Tennessee (Region I)
1-800-831-1173

Middle Tennessee (Region II)
1-800-255-8972

Cumberland Plateau (Region III)
1-800-241-0767

East Tennessee (Region IV)
1-800-831-1174

REPORT GAME VIOLATIONS

CONTAMINANTS IN FISH

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Division of Water Pollution Control issues advisories for the consumption of fish from certain Tennessee waters. The following information is subject to change and was copied from TDEC's site. Concerned individuals should visit TDEC's site for more information about these advisories, bacteriological advisories, and tips on how to reduce risks from contaminated fish.

For specific information regarding aquatic contaminants or affected waters, contact:

TDEC's Water Pollution Control Office
(615) 532-0699

<http://tn.gov/environment/wpc/publications/pdf/advisories.pdf>

FISH TISSUE ADVISORIES (April 2007. This list is subject to revision.)				
WATERBODY	COUNTY	PORTION	POLLUTANT	COMMENTS
West Tennessee				
Beech Reservoir	Henderson	Entirety (877 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Cypress Creek	Shelby	Entirety (7.7 miles)	Chlordane, Other Pesticides, PCBs	Do not eat the fish.
Loosahatchie River	Shelby	Hwy 14, Austin Peay Highway (Mile 0.0 – 17.0)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish.
McKellar Lake	Shelby	Entirety (13 miles)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish.
Mississippi River	Shelby	MS state line to just downstream of Meeman-Shelby State Park (31 miles)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish. Commercial fishing prohibited by TWRA.
North Fork Forked Deer River	Dyer, Gibson	From mouth of the Middle Fork Forked Deer River (Mile 17.6) upstream to State Highway 188 (Mile 23.6)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Nonconnah Creek	Shelby	From mouth to Kansas Street (Mile 0.0 – 1.8)	Chlordane, other Organics	Do not eat the fish. Advisory ends at Horn Lake Road bridge.
Wolf River	Shelby	From mouth to Germantown Road (Mile 0.0 – 18.9)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish.
Middle Tennessee				
Beech Creek	Wayne	From mouth to origin (Mile 16.7) including Tennessee River Embayment	Mercury	Do not eat the fish. Avoid contact with sediment between Leatherwood Branch and Smith Branch.
Buffalo River	Humphreys, Perry	From mouth upstream to Highway 438 (Mile 31.6)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for smallmouth bass.*
Duck River	Humphreys, Hickman	From mouth of Buffalo River (Mile 15.8) upstream to Interstate 40 (Mile 31.8)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass.*
Woods Reservoir	Franklin	Entirety (3,908 acres)	PCBs	Catfish should not be eaten.
East Tennessee				
Boone Reservoir	Sullivan, Washington	Entirety (4,400 acres)	PCBs, Chlordane	Precautionary advisory for carp and catfish.*
Chattanooga Creek	Hamilton	From mouth to GA State line (11.9 miles)	PCBs, Chlordane	Fish should not be eaten. Also, avoid contact with water.
East Fork of Poplar Creek and Poplar Creek Embayment	Anderson, Roane	From mouth to New Hope Pond (Mile 0.0 – 15.0)	Mercury, PCBs	Fish should not be eaten. Also, avoid contact with water.
Emory River	Roane, Morgan	From Hwy 27 near Harriman (Mile 12.4) upstream to Camp Austin Road Bridge (Mile 21.8)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for all fish.*
Fort Loudoun Reservoir	Loudon, Blount	Entirety (14,600 acres)	PCBs Mercury (upper portion only)	Commercial fishing for catfish prohibited by TWRA. No catfish or largemouth bass over two pounds should be eaten. Do not eat largemouth bass from the Little River embayment. Due to mercury, precautionary advisory for any sized largemouth bass from Highway 129 to the confluence of Holston and French Broad rivers (534 acres).*
French Broad River	Cocke	From Rankin Bridge (Mile 71.4) to Hwy 321 near Newport (Mile 77.5)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Hiwassee River	Meigs, McMinn, Bradley	From Hwy 58 (Mile 7.4) upstream to the railroad bridge just upstream of U.S. Hwy 11 (Mile 18.9)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Holston River	Sullivan, Hawkins	From the mouth of Poor Valley Creek embayment (Mile 89.0) upstream to confluence of the North and South Forks of the Holston near Kingsport (Mile 142.3)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for all fish.*
Melton Hill Reservoir	Knox, Anderson	Entirety (5,690 acres)	PCBs	Catfish should not be eaten.
Nickjack Reservoir	Hamilton, Marion	Entirety (10,370 acres)	PCBs	Precautionary advisory for catfish.*
Norris Reservoir	Campbell, Anderson, Union, Claiborne, Grainger	Clinch River portion (Powell River embayment not included in advisory) (15,213 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass, striped bass, smallmouth bass, and sauger.*
North Fork Holston River	Sullivan, Hawkins	VA Stateline (Mile 0.0 – 6.2)	Mercury	Do not eat the fish. Advisory goes to TN/VA line.
Sequatchie River	Marion	From the Tennessee River (Mile 0.0) upstream to State Highway 283 near Whitwell (Mile 22.1)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
South Holston Reservoir	Sullivan	Portion within Tennessee (7,206 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Tellico Reservoir	Loudon, Monroe	Entirety (16,500 acres)	PCBs, Mercury	Catfish should not be eaten.
Watauga Reservoir	Carter, Johnson	Entirety (6,427 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass and channel catfish.*
Watts Bar Reservoir	Roane, Meigs, Rhea, Loudon	Tennessee River portion (38,000 acres)	PCBs	Catfish, striped bass, and hybrid (striped bass-white bass) should not be eaten. Precautionary advisory for white bass, sauger, carp, smallmouth buffalo, and largemouth bass.*
Watts Bar Reservoir	Roane, Anderson	Clinch River Arm (1,000 acres)	PCBs	Striped bass should not be eaten. Precautionary advisory for catfish and sauger.*

*Precautionary Advisory: Children, women who might become pregnant, pregnant women, and nursing mothers should not consume the fish species named. All other persons should limit consumption of the named species to one meal per month.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT WITH A TWRA LICENSE PLATE!

Money from the sale of specialty plates is available to the TWRA to fund wildlife habitat protection and enhancement programs, provide public hunting and fishing access, support law enforcement efforts, and improve youth education projects.



TWRA's smallmouth bass license plate is available at county clerk's offices throughout the state. This plate features a smallmouth bass created by renowned wildlife artist Al Agnew from a print titled "Sunlight on Bronze."

As with other specialty license plates, such as the ones mentioned above, the new smallmouth bass plate will cost \$35.00 above the regular cost of registering a vehicle.

Tennessee's Lake Sturgeon Project

Lake sturgeon are a primitive species that can grow to eight feet in length, weigh up to 300 pounds, and live 150 years. Since 2000, over 108,000 lake sturgeon have been stocked into the French Broad and Holston rivers near Knoxville and the



Cumberland River near Nashville. These stocking efforts are part of a long-term program designed to restore reproducing populations of this primitive species to Tennessee waters. This species is known to travel long distances, so it is very likely that anglers could catch lake sturgeon in waters of the state other than where they were stocked. Angler reports are important to TWRA because they provide important movement and growth information needed to monitor the success of Tennessee's lake sturgeon reintroduction program.

If you catch a lake sturgeon, please be as careful as possible not to harm the fish—avoid holding lake sturgeon by their tails and remember that fish cannot breathe while they are out of the water. Lake sturgeon are endangered in Tennessee and should be released immediately. If possible, note an approximate length before the fish is released. Additionally, TWRA would appreciate a picture of your lake sturgeon catch if you can take one without harming the fish.

In appreciation of your report, TWRA will issue you a numbered Lake Sturgeon Certificate (above) that features a color reproduction of a lake sturgeon drawn by renowned wildlife artist Joseph R. Tomelleri. If you catch a lake sturgeon please call the toll free number for your regional office (see page 4 of this fishing guide) or the Fish Management Division at (615) 781-6575. You will be asked to provide your name, address, and phone number and the following information about your catch: when and where you caught it, an approximate length, and what you were using for bait.

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TENNESSEE MUSKIES

A legendary fish is back - BIG TIME!

by: Jim Negus, Fisheries Biologist, TWRA

The word is out! Tennesseans no longer need to travel to distant waters to find giant muskie. And who would have thought that the Volunteer State would have ever become a favorite winter destination for northern based muskie hunters? The times they are a-changing.

Muskie are not new to Tennessee. In fact, TWRA has been working to protect and establish fishable populations of this popular native sportfish since the early 1960's. Although Agency and public interest in the species has fluctuated over the years, it is currently at an all time high.

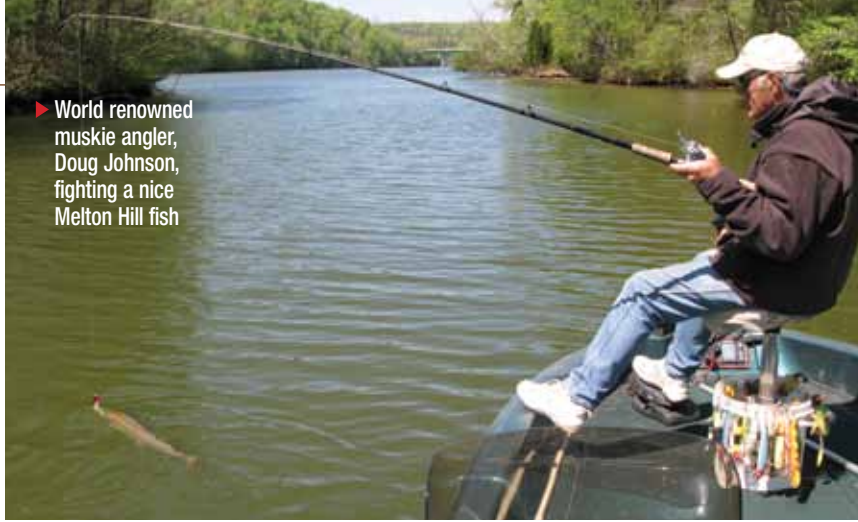
The surge in muskie fever can largely be attributed to the recent development of an impressive trophy populations found in Melton Hill Reservoir and within the river systems feeding Great Falls Reservoir. Melton Hill put Tennessee on the national muskie map; Great Falls will help keep it there.

Melton Hill was stocked with small fingerlings beginning in the mid-1960's. The Agency was aware the lake would provide ideal, year-round conditions for this cool water species. What was not well known prior to the 1990's, however, was that it would require the stocking of advanced fingerlings to make it a viable venture.

Even a day-old muskie, fresh out of the egg, is fearless and acts like the king

► Will Renfro with a 49-inch Dale Hollow beast





► World renowned muskie angler, Doug Johnson, fighting a nice Melton Hill fish

Photo by: Jim Negus

of the forest. This premature delusion of grandeur is OK for 12-inch fish, but makes small fingerlings highly vulnerable to predation by birds and other aquatic life, especially if cover vegetation is limited. In Melton Hill, weeds have been scarce since the early 1990's. Insufficient vegetation also means natural reproduction in Melton Hill is highly unlikely since muskie eggs are adhesive and need something to stick to, or they will sink and suffocate on the muddy bottom.

Initial efforts with Melton Hill muskie stocking met with limited success. In 1998, it was decided to try again using improved handling techniques and an annual input of quality fingerlings. Ten years later, a trophy fishery was born!

Growth rates in the reservoir are outstanding, producing 50-inch fish after just eleven years. It is estimated that Melton Hill's muskie grow at about twice the rate as fish found in northern muskie waters, such as those in Wisconsin. They likely grow much faster than fish from other Tennessee waters as well. Why? The Bull Run Steam Plant.

Most fish, including muskie but excluding tuna, swordfish, and some sharks, are strictly cold-blooded and grow slower in cold water. From November through March, the steam plant's discharge warms the lake water, helping muskie avoid winter temperatures that would otherwise slow their metabolism and growth. The warmer water also attracts schools of baitfish including, but not limited to shad, buffalo, and carpsuckers. Suckers are a favored prey of muskies and Melton Hill is loaded with them.

Although the discharge area is a haven for anglers, it is a double-edged sword for muskie. Fish congregate in the waters influenced by the plant during the winter making them highly vulnerable to exploitation. This legendary "fish of ten thousand casts" becomes more like a fish of fifty casts to those knowledgeable of their patterns when the steam plant is running.

Melton Hill's new, and current one fish per day, 50-inch minimum length limit will surely help maintain its limited muskie resource. But the lake's trophy status depends upon the proper handling of released fish.

The internet is a great source for those wishing to learn how to properly handle this unique fish. The most important handling tip is to **LEAVE MUSKIE IN THE WATER** while unhooking. They remain relatively calm in the water, but go

absolutely bonkers and will damage themselves and possibly the angler if taken out.

Always carry a big net to maintain control of the fish in the water and use long, needle-nose pliers to unhook. It is sometimes necessary to cut the barb off stubborn hooks with small bolt cutters. **NEVER PICK UP OR HOLD MUSKIE VERTICALLY BY THE GILL COVERS!** Unlike most fish, muskie "necks" are too fragile to support their body weight.

The use of live bait for muskie is problematic especially if circle hooks are not used. Muskies tend to play with their food for a while before swallowing, so timing the hook set can be difficult if one wishes to avoid gut hooking. Because delayed mortality of gut hooked fish can be significant, most anglers use artificial lures.

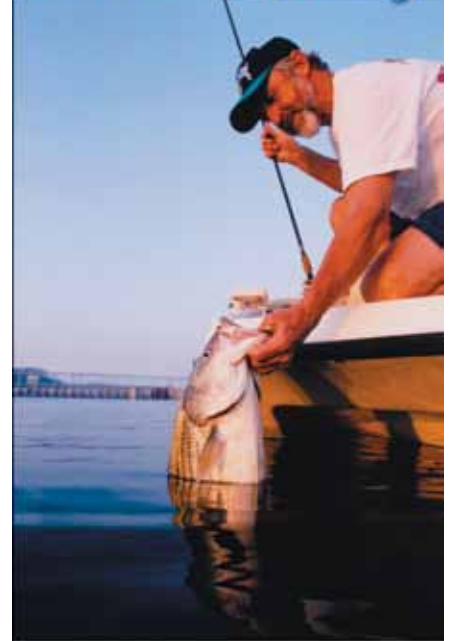
Many other waters in Tennessee also provide outstanding muskie opportunities. The most notable for good numbers of large fish are Great Falls Reservoir and its tributaries, the Nolichucky River, and Dale Hollow Reservoir.

Great Falls' system on the Cumberland Plateau includes the Collins, Calfkiller, Rocky, and Caney Fork rivers. Somewhere in the system during 2008, a 54-inch beast which would surely have broken the current, 42-pound State record, was photographed and released. Reproduction in this system is possible, but not yet proven; the fishery is likely sustained solely by stocking. Conservation is also the key to maintaining the quality of the Great Falls' fishery. Current regulations allow one muskie per day, with a 36-inch minimum length limit.

The Nolichucky River in the eastern foothills is a destination for anglers who enjoy the challenge of muskie hunting in flowing water. TWRA began stocking the river in 1988 and a popular fishery has developed. Locals and anglers from neighboring states now frequent the scenic river in the quest of catching fish exceeding 40-inches. A recent increase in the stocking rate for the river should provide anglers with the opportunity to land trophy river muskie for many years to come.

Dale Hollow Reservoir, also on the Cumberland Plateau, has not been stocked for years, but recently produced some real monsters. Due to the abundance of aquatic vegetation, it is one of the few waters of the State where natural reproduction is occurring. Like Melton Hill, it has a trophy, one fish per day, 50-inch minimum length limit.

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LIVE BAIT

LIVE BAIT REGULATIONS

The following sections explain which species can be used for bait, and how they can be harvested, sold and transported. **Under no circumstance shall live fish or crayfish be intentionally released into Tennessee waters away from the waters from which they were harvested.** These regulations do not apply to bait that is dead. Dead bait can be sold, transported, and used without restrictions.

For the purposes of these rules, a sport angler shall be defined as anyone who attempts to take, kill, injure, capture, or catch any sport fish and every act of assistance thereof. A bait dealer shall be defined as anyone engaged in the business of selling or offering for sale any legal species of live bait fish. All bait dealers must purchase a type 118 (resident) or 116 (nonresident) license annually, and make all necessary reports as required to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. The harvest and use of bait fish by commercial fishers shall be regulated in the commercial fishing proclamation.

A licensed sport angler (with all required licenses, and permits) can harvest game fish (including rainbow trout and sunfish) for use as bait from the wild using legal sport fishing methods. When harvesting game fish, all restrictions in the sport fishing proclamation apply (including creel and length limits, seasons, and license requirements).

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SECTION I—CLASS A Bait Fish

The following species may be 1) harvested by licensed sport anglers for use as bait; 2) imported into Tennessee or exported from Tennessee by licensed bait dealers and licensed sport anglers; 3) sold in Tennessee by licensed bait dealers. There is no possession limit for Skipjack Herring, Gizzard Shad, Threadfin Shad, Fathead Minnow, Golden Shiner, and Goldfish.

Skipjack herring

Alosa chrysochloris (Rafinesque)

Gizzard shad

Dorosoma cepedianum (Lesueur)

Threadfin shad

Dorosoma petenenes (Guenether)

Fathead minnow

Pimephales promelas (Rafinesque)

Golden shiner

Notemigonus crysoleucas (Mitchill)

Goldfish

Carassius auratus (Linnaeus)

Sunfishes*

Lepomis spp. (Rafinesque)

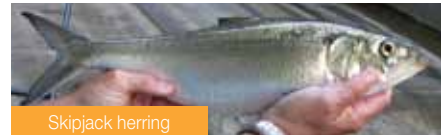
Rainbow trout**

Oncorhynchus mykiss (Walbaum)

* All species in the Genus *Lepomis* may be bought and/or sold subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Such fish may be bought and/or sold for bait purposes only.
- (b) Such fish bought and/or sold must not be more than four (4) inches in length.
- (c) Such fish must have been lawfully taken from privately owned lakes and/or ponds.
- (d) Nothing contained herein shall be construed as legalizing the sale of bream taken from any stream or public lake.

** A licensed sport angler may possess rainbow trout 8 inches or less in length without limit for use as bait if purchased from a licensed bait dealer and accompanied by an invoice that was issued by the licensed bait dealer. Such invoices shall be consecutively numbered and must contain the name, license number, and location of the licensed bait dealer, the date of sale or delivery, the number of rainbow trout bought or delivered, and the name and address of the person receiving the rainbow trout. Any person transporting or possessing rainbow trout obtained from a licensed bait dealer for bait must have a copy of this invoice on their person. Rainbow trout larger than 8 inches in length may be purchased by sport anglers and used for bait provided compliance with all sport fishing regulations on the waters being fished (including creel and length limits, seasons, and license requirements).



Skipjack herring

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Gizzard shad

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Threadfin shad

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Golden shiner

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Goldfish

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Fathead minnow

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Sunfishes (Bluegill, e.g.)

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Rainbow trout

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Dusky Salamander

LIVE BAIT

SECTION II—CLASS B Bait Fish

The following species may be: 1) harvested by licensed sport anglers for use as bait; 2) imported into Tennessee or exported from Tennessee by licensed sport anglers for use as bait. These species shall not be sold. A licensed sport angler shall possess no more than 100 of each of the bait fish species listed in this section.

Stonerollers
Camptostoma spp.

Creek Chub
Semotilus atromaculatus (Rafinesque)

Bluntnose minnow
Pimephales notatus (Rafinesque)

Bullhead minnow
Pimephales vigilax (Baird and Girard)



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SECTION III—CLASS C Bait Fish

Bait fish that are not listed in Section I or II above and are not listed by proclamation as endangered, threatened, or in need of management may be harvested by licensed sport anglers for use as bait with the following restrictions: 1) they shall only be used in the water from which they were harvested; 2) they shall not be possessed away from the waters from which they were harvested; 3) they shall not be imported into Tennessee or exported from Tennessee by anyone; 4) they shall not be sold.

SECTION IV—Amphibians and Crayfish

Dusky salamanders (*Desmognathus fuscus* and *Desmognathus conanti*) and native crayfish species that are not listed by proclamation as endangered, threatened, or in need of management may be harvested without limit by licensed sport anglers for use as bait.

The harvest, use, and possession of crayfish is prohibited in Mill Creek in Davidson and Williamson counties including tributaries and adjacent stream banks.

SECTION V— Legal Gear for Bait Harvest

Legal gear types for bait harvest are minnow seines, minnow traps, cast nets, shad trawls, and dip nets.

- 1) **Minnow Seine:** A minnow seine consists of a float and lead line to which netting is attached. A minnow seine shall not be longer than 10 feet and the mesh size shall not exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ inch on the square. Seines must be constantly attended, and may not be fished in a stationary manner.
- 2) **Minnow Traps:** A minnow trap is hereby defined as a device used for the purpose of catching minnows. The mouth opening or openings shall not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. All minnow traps shall be clearly and legibly labeled with owners name and address.

3) **Cast Net:** A cast net is defined as a net having a maximum radius of 10 feet and a mesh (square measure) of not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and not greater than 1 inch on the square.

4) **Shad Trawl:** A shad trawl is one having a mesh size no larger than 1 inch, a hoop diameter no larger than 48 inches, and a net length no larger than 72 inches. Only threadfin or gizzard shad shall be taken with a shad trawl and shad trawling is not allowed within 1,000 yards below any dam.

5) **Dip Net:** A dip net is a net constructed from natural or synthetic fibers, which is attached to a frame that is attached to a pole.

Gear types listed above are legal for licensed sport anglers to harvest bait fish (as defined in first paragraph) and crayfish (provided compliance with Section IV) for personal use.



FREE FISHING DAY/WEEK

Saturday, June 11, is Free Fishing Day in Tennessee and anyone (resident or non-resident) of any age may fish free without a license in Tennessee's public waters! Even better, if you are 15 years old or younger, you may fish free the entire week, beginning on Free Fishing Day, June 11, and running through the following Friday, June 17.

This day and week are annual events in Tennessee and are great opportunities to introduce children to the joys and excitement of a day on the water catching fish! Not only is fishing a great family activity, it helps make us more aware of our natural environment.

Finding a place to fish is easier than ever. Starting in late spring, all you need to do is go to www.tnwildlife.org to view the 2011 Kid's Fishing Events. There you will find a variety of activities planned across the state with details as to event locations and times. You can also contact your regional TWRA office to find out what's going on in your area or let them know you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering to help with an event. Anglers and would-be anglers should check the events list often since more fishing rodeos are frequently added. Whatever you do, don't miss the fun!

Free Fishing Day and Week apply to Tennessee's public waters, Agency owned and operated lakes, and state park facilities. Some privately owned pay lakes continue to charge during this special day and week. Please consult with lake operators if you have any questions about the status of a particular facility.

METHODS OTHER THAN ROD & REEL

TROT LINES, LIMBLINES AND JUGS

Trotlines consist of a main line with drop lines to which single hooks are attached. Drop lines must not be closer than 24 inches. Nongame fish, except paddlefish and sturgeon, may be taken without limit. Game fish may be taken according to local limits. There is no limit on catfish, except only 1 fish may exceed 34 inches.

Sportfishing trotlines, limblines and jugs must be tagged and/or marked with the owner's name or current TWRA identification number. Trotlines attached to the bank must be tagged on the line within five feet of the bank. Other trotlines must be tagged within five feet of either end, and floating trotlines must be marked on floats. The holder of a sport fishing license may use one or more trotlines not having a combination of more than 100 hooks. Limblines (including yo-yos) must be tagged above water level and are allowed only one hook per line. Sport anglers are limited to 25 limblines. Sport anglers are limited to 50 jugs or blocks and each with only one hook.

Trotlines, limblines and jugs must be run at least once each day and are prohibited within 1,000 yards below any TVA or Corps of Engineers dam. Trotlines may not be set within 100 yards of the mouth of any river, creek or slough.

EXCEPTIONS:

Allen Branch Pond and Chilhowee (McKamy) Pond in Cherokee WMA:
Closed to jugs and trotlines.

Bards Lake on Land Between the Lakes:
Closed to trotlines and limblines. Jugs permitted from October 1–March 21.

Beech River Watershed Development
Authority: 20 jugs or blocks per boat. Trotlines prohibited.

Calderwood: Trotlines and limblines prohibited.

Danville Railroad Bridge Dikes: Trotlines prohibited within 50 yards of dikes.

Indian Boundary Lake: Closed to trotlines, jugs and limblines.

New Johnsonville Steam Plant Harbor: 10 jugs or blocks per angler. Trotlines prohibited.

Norris Reservoir: From January 1 through April 30, trotlines, limblines and jugs are prohibited between River Mile 32 (Point 15) and Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Powell River arm and Between River Mile 137 (Point 31) and the Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Clinch River arm.

TWRA Lakes: 10 jugs or blocks per boat daily except, from April 1–September 30, jug fishing is not allowed on Saturday, Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. Trotlines and limblines prohibited. **Exception:** No jug fishing allowed on Gibson County Lake.

SLAT BASKETS

Holders of annual sport fishing license, Sportsman License, Lifetime Sportsman License, Jr. Fishing license, Lifetime Senior Citizens license or residents 65 and over (prior to March 1, 1991) or under 13 may fish with one slat basket, provided the slat basket is marked with a metal tag, obtainable from the TWRA for an annual fee of \$8.00. Possession or use of more

than one slat basket is prohibited. A slat basket is defined as a device used for taking nongame fish and catfish only. Slat baskets may have only one outside funnel opening and must be made of wood, plastic or cane slats which are placed lengthwise and so constructed that there must be a minimum of four openings in the catching area, each being at least 1½ inches wide and 6 inches long. **Fish taken may not be sold.**

The slat basket may not be set within 100 yards of the mouth of any river, creek or slough. Slat basket must be checked at least every 72 hours.

Applications for metal tags can be obtained by writing to: Administrative Services, TWRA, P. O. Box 40747, Nashville, TN 37204. If you are applying in person and need directions to the TWRA central office, call 615-781-6585.

GRABBLING, GIGGING, GRAB HOOKS, SNAGGING, TUBBING, ARCHERY, CROSSBOW, SPEARGUN, DIPPING AND CAST NETTING

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- within 100 yards below dams. At Pickwick Dam the closed area extends downstream to the first moorage cell across from ramp.
- at John Sevier Steam Plant the discharge channel is closed.

B and C do not apply to cast netting or dipping.

Nongame fish may be taken without limit. Game fish and sturgeon may not be taken. Catfish and paddlefish may be harvested according to local limits.

Cast nets must be no more than 10 feet in radius with a mesh size no smaller than one quarter inch, and no larger than one inch on the square.

Gigging is prohibited in Bedford, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Marshall, Maury, and Wayne counties. Snagging, grabbling, grabhooks, tubing, archery, speargun, dipping, and cast nets are legal methods in these counties.

Gigging is closed on the East Fork of the Obey River and its tributaries from Jan. 1–Apr. 30.

Snagging is prohibited year round on the South Holston tailwater (from South Holston Dam to the headwaters of Boone Reservoir), Center Hill Reservoir, and the Cumberland Fossil Plant discharge channel into Barkley Reservoir.

Grabbling, gigging, grab hooks, snagging, tubing, archery, crossbow, speargun and dipping is prohibited on the following waters from Jan. 1–Apr. 30:

- ♦ **Norris Reservoir:** between River Mile 32 (Point 15) and the Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Powell River arm and between River Mile 137 (Point 31) and the Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Clinch River arm
- ♦ **Elk River in Carter County:** from the Hwy. 321 Bridge downstream to River Mile 3.0 (Point 11) on the Elk River arm of Watauga Reservoir
- ♦ **Doe Creek:** Old Cabin Private Road downstream to Roan Creek

- ♦ **Roan Creek:** Mountain Lakes Estates Bridge downstream to Doe Creek
- ♦ **Watauga River:** NC state line downstream to end of Cowtown Road

TURTLES

A sport fishing license is required and only the common snapping turtle may be taken. Turtles taken by sport fishing methods may not be sold.

Common snapping turtles may be taken by all legal sport fishing methods except archery, spearguns and dipping. Daily limit is 5 with a minimum legal length of 12 inches. (Length is determined by measuring the upper shell from front to back.) Sport fishermen may also take snapping turtles by the use of up to three hoop nets, with minimum net size of three inches on the square in Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Houston, Humphreys, Lake, Lauderdale, McNairy, Madison, Obion, Perry, Shelby, Stewart, Tipton, and Weakley counties. Each net must be marked with the name and address of the owner. Each net must be set so that a portion of the catch area is above the water.

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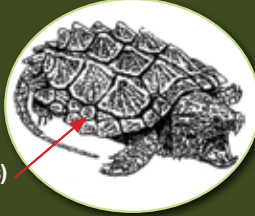
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ATTENTION ANGLERS

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is conducting an alligator snapping turtle restoration project in West Tennessee which involves the release of live alligator snapping turtles. Both adult and juvenile turtles have been released to restore this rare, native species. **Alligator snapping turtles are listed in Tennessee as *In Need of Management* and are illegal to take.**

ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE

- » Alligator snapping turtles have three large prominent ridges along the back, a large head, and a prominently hooked beak.
- » Often reaches weights in excess of 30 pounds.
- » Alligator snapping turtles have an extra row of scutes (scales) between the outer scale row and the large center scales.



COMMON SNAPPING TURTLE

- » Common snapping turtles have a smoother, rounded shell (especially as adults) without the three ridges, and a smaller head and weakly hooked beak.
- » Rarely exceeds 30 pounds.
- » Common snapping turtles do not have the extra row of scutes (scales) between the outer scale row and large central scales.

For more information or to report sightings of alligator snapping turtles, contact TWRA at 731.423.5725, or write to 00 Lowell Thomas Dr. Jackson TN 38301

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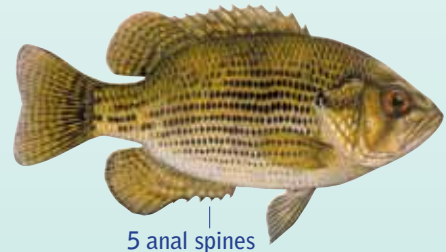
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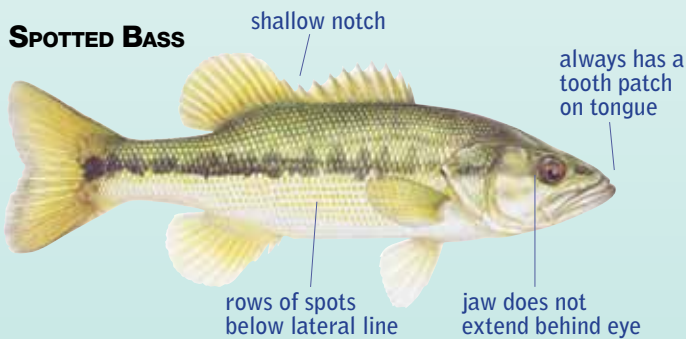
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ROCK BASS OR REDEYE



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SPOTTED BASS



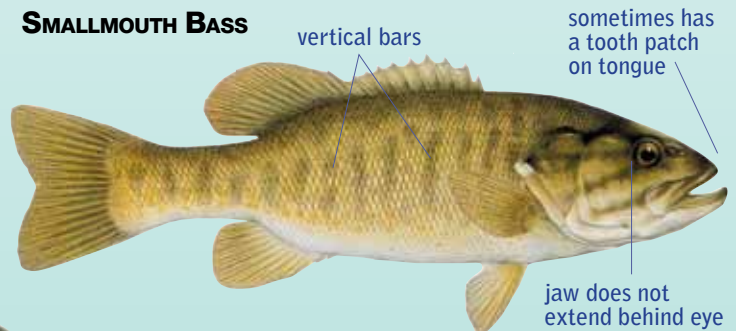
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always has a tooth patch on tongue

rows of spots below lateral line

jaw does not extend behind eye

SMALLMOUTH BASS

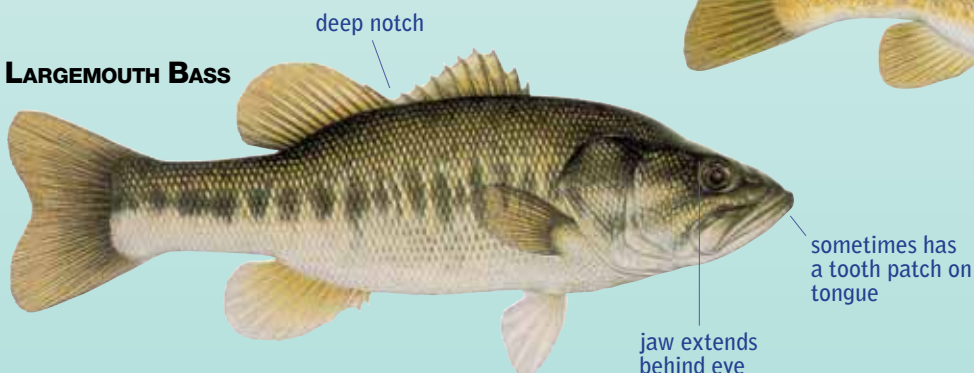


vertical bars

sometimes has a tooth patch on tongue

jaw does not extend behind eye

LARGEMOUTH BASS



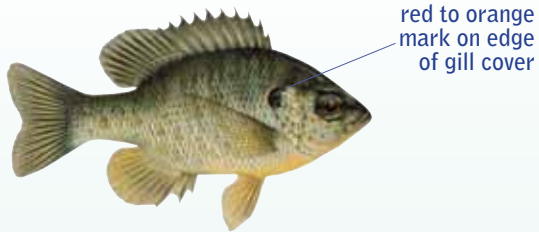
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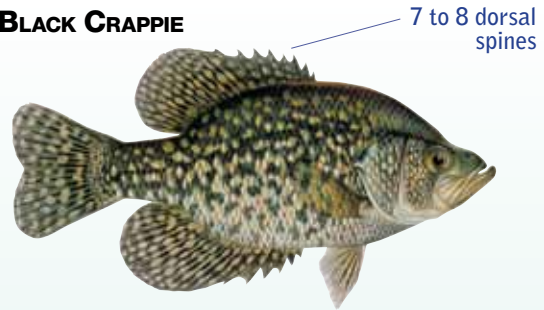
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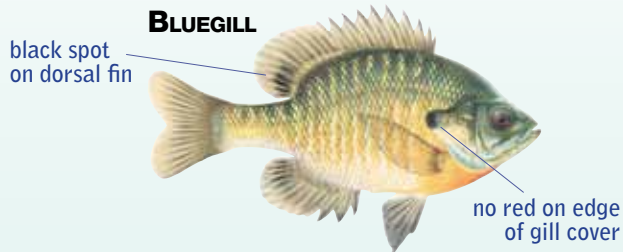
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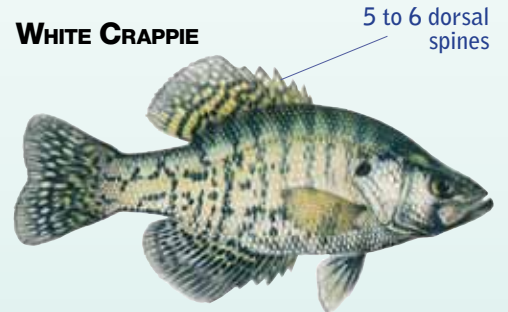
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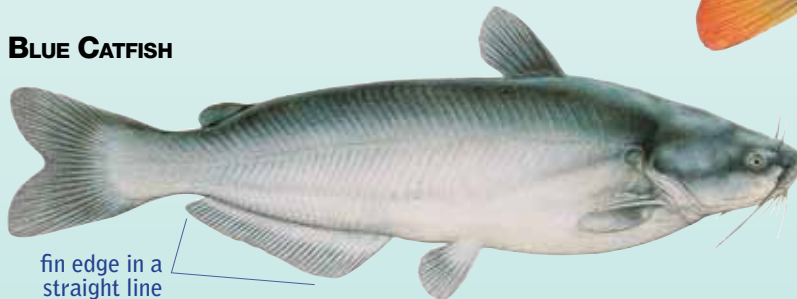
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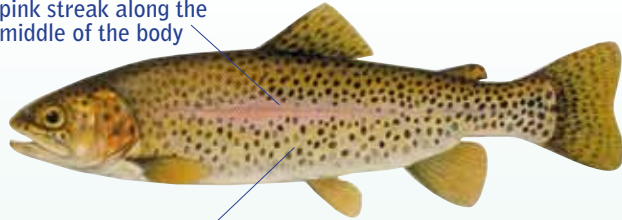
FLATHEAD CATFISH



IDENTIFYING YOUR FISH

RAINBOW TROUT

pink streak along the middle of the body

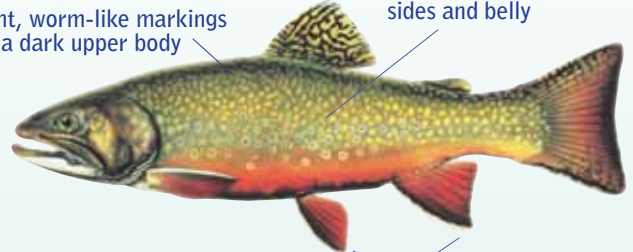


small black dots throughout the body that extend into the bottom of the tail

BROOK TROUT

light, worm-like markings on a dark upper body

red, yellow or orange spots on the sides and belly



tricolor lower fins, leading edge is white followed by black and red

BROWN TROUT

tail slightly forked, no spots on the bottom of the tail



brown body with large dark spots and reddish dots, many having halos

LAKE TROUT

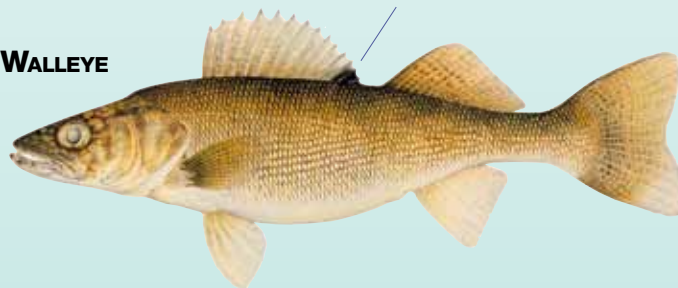
deeply forked tail



white leading edge on lower fins

WALLEYE

dark area at base of dorsal fin



SAUGER

spots on dorsal fin



MUSKELLUNGE



GENERAL INFORMATION

Notice of inspection law: It is the duty of every person participating in the privileges of taking or possessing wildlife to permit agency officers to ascertain whether the requirements of this title are being faithfully complied with, including the possession of a proper license. It is a violation of law to refuse such inspection or to interfere with an officer attempting such inspection.

TCA 70-6-101(b)(1)

BASIC LAWS AND DEFINITIONS

- Stocking of any fish into public waters is strictly prohibited.
- Explosives, chemicals and electrical shocking devices are strictly forbidden, and their use carries heavy penalties.
- Shooting in the water with any type of firearm to injure or take fish or turtles is prohibited.
- All boaters and passengers must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket within the area designated and appropriately marked as a hazardous area below any dam and/or lock.
- It is illegal to take any fish or turtle that is listed as endangered, threatened or in-need-of-management.
- It is illegal to sell or offer to sell fish or turtles without a commercial fishing license.

Bait: Any living or dead organism, or prepared substance designed to attract fish by taste or odor. For the purpose of this proclamation bait includes, but is not limited to, fish, fish eggs, crayfish, worms, grubs, crickets, corn, cheese, bread, pork rinds, putty or paste-type products, and flavors or scents applied to or impregnated into artificial lures.

Culling: The act of removing a fish from your possession or creel and replacing it with another more desirable fish.

Gigging: The taking of fish by means of a hand-held pole or spear with a tip consisting of a single, sharpened point or one or more sharpened barbed points. This includes, but is not limited to gear known as the Hawaiian sling.

Single hook: a hook with only one point.

Spear gun: Any device designed to propel a spear through water and is drawn or held by a mechanical device.

Umbrella rig restriction:

Umbrella rigs are defined as an array of more than 3 artificial lures or baits (with or without hooks) used by a single rod and reel combination. If the hook size is 6 or larger, then only one lure or bait may have a hook and that hook must be a single hook.



RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

Tennessee has several reciprocal agreements with adjacent states. These agreements have been arranged so that any fishing license from either Tennessee or the corresponding state is valid in the following waters.

ALABAMA/MISSISSIPPI

Pickwick Lake: Applies to anyone with a valid Sport Fishing License from Tennessee, Alabama or Mississippi. Resident anglers of the three states may fish without purchasing a nonresident license anywhere within the boundaries covered by the agreement. The reciprocal area includes all impounded water from Pickwick Dam upstream to Tennessee River Mile 224.8 at the mouth of Bear Creek but does not include Bear Creek and does not include that portion of Yellow Creek above the Hwy. 25 Bridge. Sport fishing license holders shall abide by the regulations of the state in whose waters they are fishing.

ARKANSAS

This state agrees to honor either license on the flowing waters of the Mississippi River, adjacent sloughs, bayous and old river runs, which are accessible by boat from the river proper, and the old river chutes forming a common boundary, excluding all wildlife management areas established by either state and the Wolf, Loosahatchie, Hatchie, Forked Deer and Obion rivers. The following common regulations apply:

- **Black bass:** creel limit 10, no length limit
- **Bream:** creel limit 50, no length limit
- **Catfish:** no creel limit, only one per day over 34 inches
- **Crappie:** creel limit 50, no length limit
- **Striped bass and Hybrid striped bass:** creel limit 6, no length limit
- **Sauger:** creel limit 6, no length limit
- **White bass:** creel limit 30, no length limit

All anglers must follow Arkansas regulations governing creel and size limits, trotlines, and other equipment requirements on Ikes Chute, Hopefield Chute, Mosquito Lake, Mound City Lake, Island 40 Chute and Lake Neark.

KENTUCKY

Dale Hollow Lake: Sportfishing licenses from either state are recognized in Wolf River including Illwill Creek, beginning at a line crossing the Wolf River at its mouth where it joins the Obey River. Creel limits and other regulations of the state where the license was issued apply.

Big South Fork of the Cumberland River: Sportfishing licenses from either state are recognized from Leatherwood Ford Bridge (Hwy. 279) in Tennessee, downstream to the Hwy. 92 bridge at Yamacraw, Kentucky. Creel limits and other regulations of the state where the license was issued apply.

Kentucky Lake: Each state will recognize the sport fishing licenses for the other state on the portion of Kentucky Lake south of the Eggners Ferry Bridge (US 68 & Hwy. 80) in Kentucky and north of the Governor Ned McWherter Bridge (US 79 & Hwy. 76) in Tennessee. This includes all embayments and tributaries within this portion of Kentucky Lake except the Blood River embayment. Blood River embayment shall be defined as a straight line between opposite points where the embayment connects to the main body of Kentucky Lake. A sport fishing

license holder from either state may fish from the bank or attach legal sport fishing trot or limb lines in this described portion of Kentucky Lake. Sport fishing license holders shall abide by the regulations of the state in whose waters they are fishing. Wildlife enforcement officials in either state shall have the right to inspect the licenses, permits, catches and equipment of any person on this portion of Kentucky Lake subject to the laws of either state.

MISSOURI

Persons possessing a valid sportfishing license in either state may fish in the Mississippi River and its backwaters within the boundaries of the other state and any oxbow lakes through which the Missouri-Tennessee boundary passes. They may fish from or attach any device or equipment to land under the jurisdiction of the other state. Persons licensed in only one state may not fish in the Mississippi River tributaries of the other state. Anglers must comply with the fishing regulations of the state where they are fishing and when fishing where they are not licensed will comply with the most restrictive state's regulation. Persons legally exempted from license requirements of either state are entitled to these privileges and provisions.

Except where it is shown to be elsewhere, the center of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers navigation channel will be the boundary between Tennessee and Missouri.

NORTH CAROLINA

Sportfishing licenses from either state are recognized in all of Calderwood Reservoir while fishing from a boat and in that portion of Slickrock Creek which constitutes the boundary between the two states. (See chart on page 25 for trout regulations on Calderwood Reservoir and Slickrock Creek.)

VIRGINIA

South Holston Reservoir: Tennessee residents may purchase an annual South Holston Reservoir License (Type 063) to fish the VA portion of South Holston Reservoir. Virginia residents can purchase a similar license from VDGIF to fish the TN portion of the reservoir. Anglers that are not TN or VA residents must abide by the state boundary line unless they purchase other appropriate fishing licenses from both states.

A South Holston Reservoir License is valid for all impounded portions of the reservoir below full pool elevation of 1,730 feet, including the confluence of the Middle Fork and South Fork Holston Rivers and the South Fork Holston upstream to the Route 710 Bridge at Alvarado, VA.

In addition to the South Holston Reservoir License, an angler must have whatever licenses that are required to fish in their home state. A valid resident TN trout fishing license or a valid resident VA trout fishing license is required to fish for trout. All anglers shall abide by the laws of the state in which they are fishing as to manner and means of taking fish. Size and creel limits are listed on page 19 of this guide.

TENNESSEE ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Tennessee Angler Recognition Program (TARP) gives anglers an opportunity to have their trophy-size fish recognized by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Anglers of any age, who catch large fish that meet or exceed qualifying lengths, can apply. The TWRA Fisheries Management Division sends these accomplished anglers TARP certificates featuring color reproductions of fish artwork by renowned wildlife artist Joseph R. Tomelleri.

The program is designed to acknowledge anglers for outstanding sportfishing accomplishments, to encourage catch and release of trophy size fish and to provide the TWRA with information on large fish caught throughout the state.

Not to be confused with the State Record Fish program, TARP recognizes anglers who catch trophy-size fish that are not necessarily state records.

TROPHY FISH/MASTER ANGLER CERTIFICATES

TARP features five levels of angler recognition. Anglers catching a fish that meets or exceeds the minimum “trophy” length requirements will receive a Trophy Fish certificate. These certificates feature Tomelleri artwork representing the species caught by the applicant. After anglers submit five trophy-size fish, in any combination, a Master Angler Level I certificate and patch will be awarded at no cost to the angler. Anglers submitting five different trophy-size fish will receive a Master Angler Level II certificate and patch. The Master Angler Level III will be awarded to anglers submitting ten different trophy-size fish. In addition to a certificate and patch, the angler will receive a “tackle package,” courtesy of Bass Pro Shops—Sevierville. The newest level, Master Angler IV will be awarded to anglers submitting fifteen different trophy fish. The award will consist of a certificate, patch and an engraved trophy.

HOW DO YOU QUALIFY?

- ♦ The fish must meet or exceed the minimum Trophy Fish Length listed on the right of this page.
- ♦ Persons 13 years of age and older must be licensed anglers and must provide their license number (TWRA #) on the application.
- ♦ The fish must be caught legally (in accordance with Tennessee Sportfishing Regulations) in Tennessee waters, by sportfishing methods only (rod and reel or cane pole).
- ♦ The length of the fish must be verified by either a witness or a photograph. The witness must complete the section on the application and/or the photo must be of the fish lying flat on top of or beside a flat measuring rule or tape and included with the application. Be aware that photos may be used on the TWRA web site and in TWRA publications.

If you believe your catch exceeds the current state record for that species, you should immediately contact a TWRA Fisheries Biologist for positive identification of the fish (see page 43).

Minimum Trophy Fish Lengths

Species	Length (inches)
Largemouth Bass	22
Spotted Bass	18
Smallmouth Bass	20
Striped Bass	40
Hybrid Striped Bass (Cherokee Bass)	28
White Bass	18
Black Crappie	14
White Crappie	14
Bluegill	10
Redear Sunfish	11
Rock Bass	10
Sauger	20
Walleye	28
Yellow Perch	11
Muskellunge	40
Brook Trout	10
Brown Trout	26
Rainbow Trout	24
Lake Trout	28
Channel Catfish	30
Blue Catfish	34
Flathead Catfish	34
Common Carp	34
Freshwater Drum	28

TROPHY FISH APPLICATION FORM

FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY. PLEASE PRINT.

Angler's name: _____ Phone number: (_____) _____ - _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age of applicant: _____ Do you qualify for a Master Angler Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Fishing license number (TWRA #): _____

FISH INFORMATION: KIND OF FISH (SPECIES): _____ DATE CAUGHT: _____

Body of water where caught: _____ Was the fish released? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Type of Water: ☐ Pond ☐ Reservoir/Lake ☐ River/Stream Bait: ☐ Natural ☐ Artificial

County: _____ Length of fish (to nearest ¼ inch): _____ Length certification: (A or B)

A. Witness signature: _____ Phone number: (_____) _____ - _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

B. Photo: Print your name, birth date, and fish species on back of photo and enclose with application.

Photos become property of TWRA and are not returned. Photos may be used in publications.

(Angler sign here) I, _____ hereby affirm that the above information is true and in taking this fish I complied with all state fishing regulations and rules of the Tennessee Angler Recognition Program and that the witness actually witnessed the measuring of the fish and/or the photo is accurate and was not altered in any way.

Enclose a check or money order for \$5.00 payable to TWRA and mail to:

TARP
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
P.O. Box 41729
Nashville, TN 37204



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TENNESSEE ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

An application form is located on the opposite page. Complete one application form for each fish you are registering. You may include more than one application form per envelope. If the fish length is being verified by photo, the picture must be enclosed with the application. For Trophy Fish Certificate only, a \$5.00 processing fee, per application, must also be enclosed and mailed within 90 days from the date of catch. Make check or money order payable to TWRA and mail, with the application(s), to the address at the bottom of the application. The processing fee is non-refundable for non-qualifying applications. For further information about TARP or the State Record Fish program, call (615) 781-6575, or visit www.tnwildlife.org.

MEASURING YOUR FISH

Please refer to the instructions on page 10.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1 If I am casting from my own property while I fish, do I need a fishing license to fish in a public lake or reservoir?

Yes. You do not qualify for a landowner exemption because you do not own the waterbody that you are fishing.

2 Can I stock fish? No! Releasing fish or any other animal into a stream, river or reservoir can irreversibly ruin the fishing in that location. It is easy to imagine how an exotic species released from an aquarium could harm our native fish populations. But even the release of species such as a bass that might already live in that water body could introduce harmful viruses or diseases. For this reason only TWRA has the authority to stock public waters which includes all streams and rivers, and all public lakes and reservoirs. It is illegal to stock the waters of Tennessee, and only privately owned ponds may be stocked without TWRA approval.

3 Can I clean/dress my fish in any way, while on the water? It is unlawful to possess while afield any fish which has been altered to the extent that its species and/or total body length cannot be determined.

4 Do I need a trout license if I do not plan on keeping trout? If you are fishing for trout, you need a trout license whether or not you possess trout.

5 Do I need a fishing license to fish a private farm pond? Yes, unless you are not required to have a license under a landowner, age, or military exemption. See "Who Must Have a Tennessee License" section on page 9.

6 What licenses are required to fish on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)?

No license is required if you are under the age of 13, or are military personnel on furlough with papers. Otherwise, you only need the proper fishing license. Generally there are no special WMA licenses required. However, a Tellico-Citico permit is required for all ages on certain waters within the Cherokee National Forest (Cherokee WMA). In addition, certain WMAs are periodically closed.

7 As I was cleaning a fish, I noticed a black, white or yellow grub or worm in them. What are these and are the fish safe to eat? These are small parasites that are referred to as Trematodes. Commonly known as black spot, yellow grub and white grub, they are very common in many fish species in Tennessee and worldwide. The parasites have a complex life cycle that involves fish, fish-eating birds and other invertebrates such as snails. While the appearance may be unappetizing, fish that are cleaned and completely cooked cannot transmit any parasite or disease to people who eat the fish. The parasites usually do not affect the health of the fish except under unusual conditions.

8 What is a thermocline and what effect does it have on reservoir fish populations? As the surface water warms in the late spring, a distinct temperature gradient is formed between the warm surface water and the cool water below. This thermocline does not allow the cold water to mix with the warm, oxygenated water above.

The cold water slowly loses oxygen due to the decay of organisms and lack of photosynthesis. In certain reservoirs, the cold water loses enough oxygen during the summer that it can no longer support certain cool water species like striped bass.

9 When do our reservoirs "turn over"?

Northern reservoirs experience a spring and fall "turn over," but our lakes destratify only in the fall. It occurs when the surface water cools sufficiently to mix with the cold water below. Prior to the cooling period, the warm surface water cannot mix with the denser water below because of thermal stratification (see the previous question).

10 What are those jelly-like masses that are attached to tree limbs, bushes and other objects in the water?

They are colonies of harmless microscopic animals called Bryozoans. They have miniature tentacles to capture prey and are permanently attached to the colony mass. Large colonies can exceed two feet in diameter, but most are less than one foot.

11 How many rods or poles may an angler fish with?

There is no limit to the number of rods that can be fished in MOST of our reservoirs, but there are exceptions. See regulations for rods at Center Hill reservoir (page 14) and Dale Hollow reservoir (page 16). Also, there are certain trout waters where an angler is limited to one hand-held rod. It is always best to consult the fishing regulations for the specific water fished prior to any trip.

STATE RECORDS

TENNESSEE ANGLING RECORDS as of January 1, 2011 CLASS A—Sport Fishing Methods					
	COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	LOCATION	ANGLER	DATE
BLACK BASS	Coosa (Redeye)	1 lb. 15 oz.	Parksville Reservoir	Harry E. Parker	Aug. 18, 1991
	Smallmouth*	11 lbs. 15 oz.	Dale Hollow Reservoir	D. L. Hayes	July 9, 1955
	Largemouth	14 lbs. 8 oz.	Sugar Creek (Lawrence Co.)	James "Logue" Barnett	Oct. 17, 1954
	Spotted	6 lbs. 7 oz.	Ocoee River	Wesley Strader	July 30, 2010
TRUE BASS	Striped (Rockfish)	65 lbs. 6 oz.	Cordell Hull Reservoir	Ralph H. Dallas	May 1, 2000
	Hybrid Striped (Cherokee)	23 lbs. 3 oz.	Stones River	Ray Pelfrey	April 17, 1998
	White	5 lbs. 10 oz.	Mississippi River	Bill Nelson	Sept. 29, 2003
	Yellow*	2 lbs. 9 oz.	Duck River (near Waverly,TN)	John T. Chappell	Feb. 27, 1998
TROUT	Brook	3 lbs. 14 oz.	Hiwassee River	Jerry Wills	Aug. 15, 1973
	Brown	28 lbs. 12 oz.	Clinch River	Greg Ensor	Aug. 30, 1988
	Cutthroat	6 oz.	Obey River	Philip Neyman	June 1, 1969
	Rainbow	16 lbs. 15 oz.	Ft. Patrick Henry Reservoir	Ronnie Rowland	Sept. 6, 2002
CRAPPIE	Ohrid*	14 lbs. 5 oz.	Watauga Reservoir	Richard Lynn Carter	Mar. 28, 1986
	Lake	22 lbs. 2 oz.	Watauga Reservoir	Jack Forbes	July 3, 2008
	Black	4 lbs. 4 oz.	Brown's Creek Lake	Clyde Freeman	Mar. 23, 1985
	White	5 lbs. 1 oz.	Garner Brown's Pond, Dickson County	Bill Allen	April 20, 1968
PERCH	Yellow	2 lb. 2 oz.	Parksville Lake	Jackie V. Kersey	March 10, 2010
	Sauger	7 lbs. 6 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir (Pickwick tailwater)	Rayford D. Voss	Feb. 19, 1973
	Saugeye	10 lbs. 12 oz.	Melton Hill Reservoir	Chris Vittetoe	July 18, 1998
	Walleye*	25 lbs.	Old Hickory Reservoir	Mabry Harper	Aug. 3, 1960
PIKE	Northern	24 lbs. 8 oz.	South Holston Reservoir	Frank Childers	Mar. 28, 1995
	Muskellunge	42 lbs. 8 oz.	Norris Reservoir	Kyle F. Edwards	April 27, 1983
	Chain Pickerel	7 lbs. 7 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir	Burke Williams	Feb. 2, 1991
	Grass (Redfin) Pickerel			— No Entry —	
SUNFISH	Bluegill (Tie)	3 lbs.	Farm Pond, Bledsoe Co.	Brad Pendergrass	Dec. 19, 1987
		3 lbs.	Fall Creek Falls Creek	Thelma Grissom	June 27, 1977
	Pumpkinseed	5 oz.	Dogwood Lake	Lynn Middleton	June 14, 1998
	Green	1 lb. 4 oz.	North Cross Creek	Dwight M. Lehman	June 8, 1991
	Longear	13 oz.	Pond, Overton Co.	Kay Forsberg	May 15, 1985
	Redbreast	1 lb. 5 oz.	Holston River	R. W. Gillespie	June 22, 1974
	Redear	3 lbs. 6 oz.	Private Pond	Annelise S. Houston	Sept. 1, 1979
	Rock Bass	2 lbs. 8 oz.	Stones River	Bill Sanford	1958
	Warmouth	1 lb. 12 oz.	Nolichucky River	Frank E. Garrett	May 26, 1984
	Flier	8 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir	Craig Ellis	June 8, 2001
	Orangespotted	5 oz.	Nolichucky River	Donald Daryl Fox	May 30, 1982
	Channel	41 lbs.	Fall Creek Falls Lake	Clint Walters, Jr.	July 30, 1982
CATFISH	Blue	112 lbs.	Lock C, Cumberland River	Robert E. Lewis	June 7, 1998
	Flathead	85 lbs. 15 oz.	Hiwassee River	Larry Kaylor	July 25, 1993
	Black Bullhead	3 lbs. 6 oz.	Emberton's Pond, Cannon Co.	Hunter Chance Gaither	Feb. 20, 1997
	Brown Bullhead	2 lbs. 14 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	John Thomas Hammond	June 5, 1980
	Yellow Bullhead	4 lbs. 8 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	Jessie R. Johnson	April 21, 1979
	Bigmouth	62 lbs. 0 oz.	J. Percy Priest Reservoir	Jeff Wilkins	April 1, 2010
	Black	55 lbs. 8 oz.	Cherokee Reservoir	Ed H. McLain	May 3, 1984
	Smallmouth	62 lbs. 7 oz.	J. Percy Priest Reservoir	Jerry W. Young	April 28, 2001
CARP	Bighead*	90 lbs. 0 oz.	Guntersville Reservoir	Jeffrey J. Rorex	June 2, 2005
	Common	53 lbs.	Marrowbone Lake	John R. Pepper, Jr.	May 21, 1997
	Goldfish	14 oz.	Fishery Park Pond (Unicoi Co.)	Rob Lindbom	Mar. 20, 2008
	Silver			— No Entry —	
GAR	Grass	70 lbs.	Guntersville Reservoir (Nickajack tailwater)	Chad A. Killian	June 4, 2005
	Longnose	38 lbs. 3 oz.	Barkley Reservoir	Mathew A. Norton	April 19, 2002
	Shortnose	6 lbs. 6 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir	Kay Lynn Butterfield	June 15, 2001
	Spotted	9 lbs. 5 oz.	Cross Creeks	Victor Robinson	June 27, 1999
REDHORSE	Black	3 lbs. 1 oz.	South Holston River	Roy Hawk	Feb. 16, 2009
	Blacktail			— No Entry —	
	Golden	2 lbs. 15.5 oz.	South Holston River	W. Powell Partridge, Sr.	Mar. 28, 2008
	River	11 lbs. 10 oz.	Pigeon River	David H. Ray	May 2, 2009
	Shorthead (Smallmouth)			— No Entry —	
	Silver	4 lbs. 8 oz.	Harpeth River	Jimmy A. Filson	June 21, 2008
	American Eel	5 lbs. 12 oz.	Old Hickory Reservoir	Kelly Rollin, Jr.	July 29, 2008
	Striped Mullet			— No Entry —	
	Bowfin	15 lbs. 7 oz.	Reelfoot Lake	Charles Aaron	June 22, 1983
	Paddlefish	75 lbs.	Center Hill Reservoir	Shane S. Henry	April 28, 1984
		3 oz.	Roan Creek	Danny Kurtilla	Mar. 13, 2000
	Creek Chub (Tie)	3 oz.	White Oak Creek	Thomas R. Gould	July 23, 2003
OTHER	Central Stoneroller (Hornyhead)	10 oz.	Hiwassee River	Roy S. King	May 1, 1983
	Golden Shiner	15 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	Dave Littlejohn	Mar. 26, 1999
	Gizzard Shad	3 lb. 3 oz.	Holston River	Preston H. Taylor III	Dec. 13, 2008
	Skipjack Herring*	4 lbs. 0 oz.	Watts Bar Reservoir	Chris Vittetoe	Feb. 28, 2004
	Goldeye	14 oz.	Cumberland River	Harold A. Sanders	April 17, 1993
	Mooneye	1 lb. 4 oz.	Hiwassee River	Steve D. Moss	May 5, 2005
	River Carpsucker	1 lb. 9 oz.	Pickwick Reservoir	Dr. Jim Youmans	Feb. 28, 1980
	Quillback Carpsucker	4 lbs. 2 oz.	Holston River	Roy Hawk	February 18, 2010
	White Sucker	1 lbs. 10 oz.	Little War Creek (Hancock Co.)	Jim Habera	April 26, 2007
	Northern Hogsucker	2 lbs. 9 oz.	South Holston River	Roy Hawk	Feb. 16, 2009
	Freshwater Drum*	54 lbs. 8 oz.	Nickajack Reservoir	Benny Hull	April 20, 1972
	Spotted Sucker	3 lbs. 3 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	Greg M. Henry	Mar. 9, 2008
	Atlantic Needlefish	1.6 oz.	Pickwick Dam tailwater	J. Wesley Neal	Sept. 20, 2008

*Recognized All-Tackle World Record

STATE RECORDS

CLASS B—Methods Other Than Rod and Reel

(a) trotline, (b) limpline, (c) jug, (d) slat basket, (e) grabbling, (f) grab hooks, (g) snatch hooks, (h) tubbing, (i) archery, (j) speargun, (k) dipping, (l) commercial gear, (m) cast net

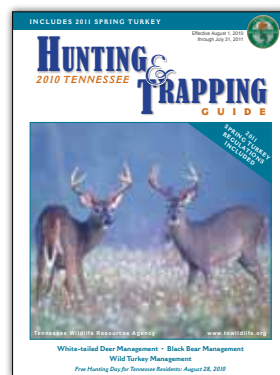
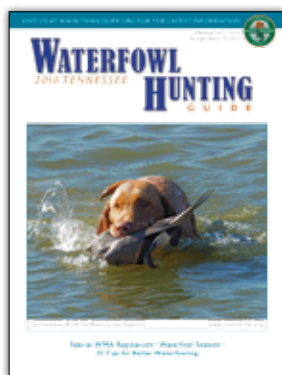
	COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	LOCATION	ANGLER	DATE
BUFFALO	Bigmouth	45 lbs. (i)	Nickajack Reservoir	Jerry M. Harris	June 20, 2000
	Smallmouth	64 lbs. (i)	Kentucky Reservoir	Evan Mercer Bobby Hensley Carl Hensley	March 8, 2003
	Black	80 lbs. (a)	Robco Lake (Shelby Co.)	Hiltuad J. DeLoach	April 1, 1980
CARP	Bighead	92 lbs. 10 oz. (g)	Reelfoot Lake	Randall Hughes	Mar. 23, 2008
	Common	52 lbs. 14 oz. (i)	Nickajack Reservoir	Allen Kimsey	July 24, 2002
	Grass	78 lbs. (i)	Nickajack Reservoir	Allen Kimsey	May 19, 2001
	Silver	13 lbs. 8 oz. (i)	Everett Lake	Andrew White	Aug. 11, 2010
REDHORSE	River	11 lbs. 6 oz. (f)	West Fork of Obey River	John Mark Keisling	April 28, 2007
	Black	3 lbs. 10 oz. (a)	Chilhowee Reservoir	Lewis Winters	Oct. 26, 2007
CATFISH	Flathead	92 lbs. (i)	Mississippi River	Kenneth A. Childress Jackie W. Stafford Jerry L. Stafford	Nov. 30, 2000
	Blue	130 lbs. (i)	Ft. Loudoun Reservoir	J. G. Garland Bill Norman Richard Reagan	Dec. 18, 1976
BULLHEAD	Black	3 lbs. 14 oz. (k)	Lakeland Trout Farm	David Tait	June 18, 1982
GAR	Longnose	37 lbs. 1 oz. (i)	Chisholm Lake	Caleb Wilbanks Hunter Jackson	Aug. 11, 2007
	Shortnose	8 lbs. 4 oz. (i)	Chickamauga Reservoir	Scott Simmons	April 15, 1984
	Spotted	10 lbs. 8 oz. (i)	Reelfoot Lake (Starve Pond)	Taylor Ricks Nick Winston	April 17, 2009
OTHER	Skipjack Herring	1 lb. 6 oz. (i)	Cypress Creek	Mike Tolley	May 6, 1984
	Central Stoneroller	5 oz. (g)	Doe River	Rex Timbs	Nov. 6, 1997
	Spotted Sucker	2 lbs. 10 oz. (i)	Ky. Lk.—Standing Rock Cr. Emby.	Christopher Todd	July 26, 1996
	Freshwater Drum	25 lbs. 7 oz. (i)	Nickajack Reservoir	Allen Kimsey	April 23, 2002
	Northern Hogsucker	1 lb. 10 oz. (i)	Ky. Lk.—Standing Rock Cr.	Dale E. Brooks	Aug. 9, 1996
	Paddlefish	120 lbs. (g)	Center Hill Res.(Bluehole)	John T. Johnson	March 23, 1982
	Bowfin	21 lbs. 12 oz. (i)	Cedar Creek	Pat Johns	June 3, 1997
	Gizzard Shad	2 lb. 4 oz. (m)	Mississippi River	Scott Creecy	April 9, 2008

HOW TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A STATE RECORD FISH

The following criteria must be followed when applying for a state record certificate:

- 1) To be considered for a state record certificate, the fish must be weighed on a certified scale. These scales may be found at supermarket meat centers or at TWRA Regional Offices.
- 2) Two witnesses, one of which must be the scale operator/owner, must sign the application certifying that they have observed the declared weight.
- 3) Only species recognized by the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) will be considered for Tennessee state record certification. These are available at <http://www.igfa.org>.
- 4) A new state record will be recognized only if the weight of the fish exceeds 1 oz or more than the weight of the previous state record for that species or recognized hybrid.
- 5) It is the responsibility of the fisherman to contact a TWRA fisheries biologist for positive identification of the fish. The fish must be fresh or frozen until positive species identity can be established.
- 6) Only two hybrid classifications, the striped bass x white bass (Cherokee bass) and the walleye x sauger (Saugeye), will be considered for state record classification. Applicants must be willing to submit to the professional judgment of the certifying biologist as to the fish's hybrid status.
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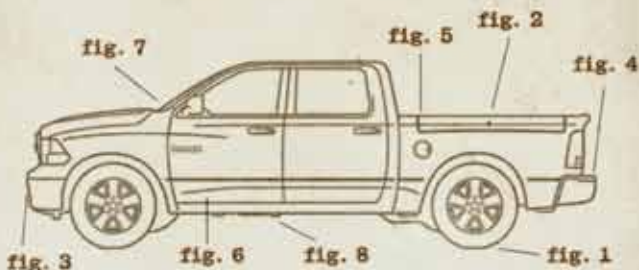


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